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Bill (No. 85), introduced to amend, 67. Second reading and referred to Municipal Committee, 116. Reported, 166. House goes into Committee on, 190. Third reading, 238. R. A., 256. (6 Geo. V. c. 44.)

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ONTARIO INSURANCE ACT:—

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1. Bill (No. 148), introduced to amend, 131. Second reading, 151. House goes into Committee on, 162. Third reading, 237. R. A., 256. (6 Geo. V. c. 12.)

2. Bill (No. 170), introduced to amend, 171. Second reading and referred to Committee of the Whole, 211. House goes into Committee on, 218. Third reading, 236. See *above*, 1.

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2. Bill (No. 120), introduced to amend, 107. Order for second reading discharged, 163.

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OTTAWA, ST. PATRICK'S ASYLUM:—

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Attorney General.

{ **W**HEREAS it is expedient for certain causes and considerations to convene the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, WE DO WILL that you and each of you, and all others in this behalf interested, on TUESDAY, the TWENTY-NINTH day of the month of FEBRUARY now next, at OUR CITY OF TORONTO, personally be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, act, do and conclude upon those things which, in Our Legislature of the Province of Ontario by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favour of God be ordained. **HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our Province of Ontario to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, His Honour JOHN STRATHEARN HENDRIE, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, a Colonel in Our Militia of Canada, &c., &c., &c., LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR of Our Province of Ontario, at Our Government House, in the City of Toronto, in Our said Province, this FOURTH day of FEBRUARY, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the Sixth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

ARTHUR H. SYDERE,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery."

Tuesday, the Twenty-ninth day of February, 1916, being the First Day of the Second Meeting of the Fourteenth Legislature of the Province of Ontario for the Despatch of Business pursuant to a Proclamation of His Honour Sir John Strathearn Hendrie, Knight, &c., &c., &c., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province.

PRAYERS.

3 O'clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that he had received notifications of vacancies which had occurred since the last Session of the House, and had issued his warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery for new Writs for the Election of Members to serve in the present Legislature for the following Electoral Districts:—

Algoma; and
Peel.

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

SIR,

I hereby declare my intention of resigning my seat in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the Electoral Division of Algoma.

And I do hereby resign the same.

And I make this declaration and resignation under my hand and seal in the presence of the undersigned witness.

Signed and sealed on this 7th day of October, A.D. 1915.

Signed and sealed in my presence on the day and year above written.

ARTHUR H. SYDERE.

ALBERT GRIGG [L.S.]

To the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

SIR,

I hereby declare my intention of resigning my seat in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario for the Electoral Division of Peel.

And I do hereby resign the same.

And I make this declaration and resignation under my hand and seal in the presence of the undersigned witnesses.

Signed and sealed on this twenty-eighth day of January, A.D. 1916.

Signed and sealed in our presence the day and year above written.

T. W. MCGARRY, }
G. H. FERGUSON. }

JAMES ROBINSON FALLIS. [L.S.]

Mr. Speaker also informed the House,

That the Clerk had laid upon the Table, the following Certificate:—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the seventh day of October, 1915, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to Charles F. Rothera, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Algoma, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of Algoma in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of Albert Grigg, Esquire, who had resigned, John Morrow Robb, Esquire,

has been returned as duly elected, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-sixth day of October, 1915, which is now lodged of record in my office.

ARTHUR H. SYDERE,

Toronto, January 10th, 1916.

Clerk, L.A.

Ex officio Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

John Morrow Robb, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Algoma, having taken the Oaths and subscribed the Roll, took his seat.

The House then adjourned during pleasure.

And after some time the House resumed.

His Honour Sir John Strathearn Hendrie, Knight, &c., &c., &c., Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, then entered the House, and being seated in the Chair on the Throne, was pleased to open the Session by the following gracious Speech to the House:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I welcome you to the discharge of your duties at the Second Session of the Fourteenth Legislature of this Province.

We have followed the varying fortunes of the great War with deep concern, and with a full realization of the grave issues involved. The determination of this country to help by every means in its power to achieve complete and final victory for the Allies has grown stronger as the war has progressed and as the magnitude of the struggle has become more apparent.

It has been a matter of justifiable pride that services of the greatest value have been rendered by Canadian soldiers, who have displayed courage and heroism that will be a lasting glory to our Country. I am glad to observe that the efforts being made to recruit additional forces in this Province are meeting with satisfactory results, aided by the inspiring example and heroic conduct of our soldiers who have gone to the front, many of whom have given their lives for the great cause.

It has been our privilege as a Province to assist the Empire in a number of ways through the expenditure of the proceeds of the War Tax authorized by this Legislature. In addition to this, our people have responded generously

and patriotically to every appeal made to them on behalf of patriotic funds. The results of the collection on Trafalgar Day, made at the instance of the President of the British Red Cross Society, were specially gratifying and have received thankful acknowledgment. Greater and heavier sacrifices will yet be required, but I am convinced that the people of this Province will ungrudgingly assume every burden and make every effort that may be required of them for the security of the Empire and the preservation of the liberties of the world.

Our thanks are due to Almighty God for the abundant harvest of the past year, which has contributed greatly to the prosperity and comfort of our people.

I desire to express the deep regret of the people of Ontario for the destruction by fire of the historic Parliament Buildings at Ottawa, an event rendered more melancholy by reason of the sacrifice of life which accompanied it.

Legislation will be submitted to you creating a Trades and Labour Branch of the Public Works Department; respecting further aid to settlers in the Northern portions of the Province; respecting power development; to provide additional revenues; relating to the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquor within the Province, and for the submission of the same to the electors; and for other purposes.

The Public Accounts will be submitted to you without delay, and also the Supplementary Estimates for the present year, and the Estimates for the ensuing fiscal year.

It is my earnest hope that your deliberations will, under the guidance of Providence, materially assist our Empire in the struggle in which it is now engaged and contribute alike to the moral and material welfare of this Province.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to retire.

Mr. Speaker then reported, That, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy of His Honour's Speech, which he read.

On motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Hanna, a Bill was introduced intituled "An Act respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office to persons appointed as Justices of the Peace," and the same was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Hanna,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, to this House, be taken into consideration To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Hanna,

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections; 2. On Railways; 3. On Miscellaneous Private Bills; 4. On Standing Orders; 5. On Public Accounts; 6. On Printing; 7. On Municipal Law; 8. On Legal Bills; 9. On Agriculture and Colonization; 10. On Fish and Game; which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as shall be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The House then adjourned at 3.20 p.m.

Wednesday, March 1st, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House: The Report of the Librarian upon the state of the Library. (*Sessional Papers, No. 52.*)

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Sir Adam Beck, the Petition of the City Council of London.

By Mr. Preston (Lanark), the Petition of James McLeod and others of Almonte.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. McPherson, the Petition of Wycliffe College; also the Petition of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

By Mr. Dunlop, the Petition of the Village Council of Eganville.

By Mr. Hall (Waterloo), the Petition of the City Council of Galt.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the Township Councils of Yarmouth and Malahide.

By Mr. Sinclair, the Petition of the Town Council of Ojibway; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Ingersoll.

By Mr. Jarvis, the Petition of the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company; also, the Petition of the Municipality of Shuniah.

By Mr. Sulman, the Petition of the Ursuline Academy of Chatham; also, the Petition of Charles Stevenson and others of Kent County; also, the Petition of the Essex Terminal Railway Company.

By Mr. McKeown, the Petition of O. E. Bowman and others of the Township of Hilliard.

By Mr. Godfrey, the Petition of David Rowntree and others of Weston; also, the Petition of the Village Councils of Mimico and New Toronto; also, the Petition of the Village Council of New Toronto; also, the Petition of J. J. Ashworth and others of Toronto.

By Mr. McCrea, the Petition of the Township Council of Chapleau; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Sudbury.

By Mr. Marshall, the Petition of the Village Council of Grimsby.

By Mr. Tolmie, the Petition of the City Council of Windsor; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Sandwich; also, the Petition of the Councils of Windsor, Walkerville, Ford and Ojibway; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Walkerville.

By Mr. McFarlan, the Petition of the Township Council of London.

By Mr. Irish, the Petition of the Town Council of Burlington.

By Mr. Rankin, the Petition of the City Council of Kingston; also, the Petition of Queen's University and the School of Mining and Agriculture of Kingston.

By Mr. Martyn, the Petition of the Perfection Stove Company, Limited.

By Mr. Preston (Durham), the Petition of the Midland Land Company; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Port Hope.

By Mr. McElroy, the Petition of the Township Council of Osgoode.

By Mr. Carew, the Petition of the Home, Lindsay.

By Mr. Hurdman, the Petition of Charles J. Martin, of Ottawa; also, of the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company; also, of the Temporal Committee of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

By Mr. Hartt, the Petition of the Town Council of Midland.

By Mr. Cameron, the Petition of the Town Council of Owen Sound.

By Mr. Henry, the Petition of the Township Council of York.

By Mr. Mills, the Petition of the City Council of Berlin.

By Mr. Owens, the Petition of Elizabeth Melinda Beardmore and others of Toronto.

By Mr. Price, the Petition of Charles B. Labatt, of Toronto.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the Town Council of Aurora.

The Order of the Day for the Consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session having been read,

Mr. Price moved, seconded by Mr. Hartt,

That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, as follows:—

To His Honour Sir John Strathearn Hendrie, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Commander of Our Royal Victorian Order, a Colonel in Our Militia of Canada, Lieutenant-Governor of Our Province of Ontario.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, now assembled, beg leave to thank Your Honour for the gracious speech Your Honour has addressed to us.

And a Debate having ensued, it was, on Motion of Mr. Rowell,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 60), intituled “An Act to establish the Trades and Labour Branch.” Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 61), intituled “An Act to amend the Natural Gas and Oil Wells Act.” Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 62), intituled “An Act respecting the Greater Winnipeg Water District.” Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the University of Toronto Board of Governors, for the year ending 30th June, 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 18.)

Also, Report of the Ontario Commission on Unemployment. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 55.)

Also, Return to an Address, of the 5th March, 1915, to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Return of: 1. Copies of all petitions or requests or communications received by the Government from Trades and Labour Councils, Municipal Authorities, Social and Philanthropic organizations, or other societies, organizations or individuals, in reference to the conditions of Unemployment in the Province, and in reference to governmental action to relieve conditions of unemployment. 2. All communications passing between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, or any officer or official of the Governments respectively, in reference to conditions of unemployment, and as to governmental action in reference thereto. 3. A statement showing what action has been taken by the Government to relieve conditions of unemployment in the Province. 4. Copy of the Orders-in-Council appointing the Commission to investigate the conditions of Unemployment, and defining the scope of the work of the Commission. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 57.)

Also, Return to an Order of the House of the 1st April, 1915, for a Return showing: 1. All correspondence between the Government or any officer or official thereof and all Councils of Women and all other persons, societies or associations, in reference to the establishment of Houses of Refuge in municipalities and in regard to legislation for the purpose of requiring municipalities to establish Houses of Refuge for the care of feeble-minded and unfortunate persons. 2. All correspondence or communications between the Government or any officer or official thereof and the Councils of municipalities or any officer or official thereof, with reference to the compulsory establishment by municipalities of Houses of Refuge for feeble-minded and unfortunate persons. (*Sessional Papers, No. 58.*)

Also, Return to an Order of the House of the 1st April, 1915, for a Return showing: 1. A copy of all the proceedings in the Police Court in the City of Toronto in the charge made against Herbert Capewell for demanding commission on certain Government Military contracts for the supply of boots for the Canadian Expeditionary Force, including therein the evidence and the Police Magistrate's judgment and commitment. 2. A copy of the record of the proceedings on the trial of the said Herbert Capewell before His Honour Judge Coatsworth in the County Judge's Criminal Court of the County of York, including the evidence, statements of Counsel and statement of acquittal. (*Sessional Papers, No. 59.*)

Also, Return to an Order of the House of the 1st April, 1915, for a Return showing: 1. What Fishermen received fishing licenses in Manitoulin Island for the fishing season, 1914, and upon what dates were these licenses granted respectively. 2. What Fishermen received fishing licenses for the year 1915, and upon what dates were these licenses granted respectively. (*Sessional Papers, No. 60.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

Thursday, March 2nd, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Carter, the Petition of the City Council of Guelph.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That a special Committee of Thirteen Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, a list of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House as follows:—

Messrs. Lucas, Ferguson (Grenville), Preston (Lanark), Armstrong, Thompson (Simcoe), McGarry, Macdiarmid, Johnson, Rowell, Clarke, Bowman, Ducharme and Hurdman.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That a select Committee of Eleven Members be appointed to act with Mr. Speaker in the control and management of the Library to be composed as follows:—

Messrs. Hearst, Foy, Lucas, Macdiarmid, Pyne, Hanna, McGarry, Rowell, Elliott, Mageau and Tolmie.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That a select Committee be appointed to direct the expenditure of any sum set apart by the Estimates for Art purposes, to be composed as follows:—

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Hearst, Foy, Macdiarmid, McGarry, Proudfoot, Atkinson and McDonald.

Mr. Parliament asked the following Question:—

1. How many machine guns have been purchased by the Province of Ontario. 2. When were these guns purchased. 3. What was the total purchase price. 4. Have all these guns been delivered; if so, what was the date of delivery.

To which the Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. None. 2, 3 and 4. The Government of the Province of Ontario gave \$500,000 to the Dominion Government for the purchase of machine guns.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the consideration of the Speech of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the Session having been read,

The Debate was resumed.

And after some time, the Motion, having been again put, was carried.

The Address, having been read the second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor by those Members of this House who are Members of the Executive Council.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

Resolved, That this House will on Tuesday next, resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Foy,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until three of the clock in the afternoon of Monday next, the sixth day of March instant.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 21.*)

Also, Report on the operation of the Liquor License Acts in Ontario during the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 28.*)

Also, Copies of Orders in Council and Regulations to be laid before the Legislative Assembly as required by section 27 of the Department of Education Act. (*Sessional Papers, No. 61.*)

The House then adjourned at 5 p.m.

Monday, March 6th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House, that the Clerk had laid upon the Table the following Certificate of the Election of a Member:—

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the first day of February, 1916, issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, and addressed to Thomas H. Goodison, Esquire, Returning Officer for the Electoral

District of Peel, for the election of a Member to represent the said Electoral District of Peel in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the room of James Robinson Fallis, who, since his election as representative of the said District of Peel, had resigned, William James Lowe, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the second day of March, 1916, which is now lodged of record in my office.

Toronto, March 6th, 1916.

ARTHUR H. SYDERE,
Clerk, L.A.,

Ex-officio Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Irish, the Petition of McMaster University.

By Mr. McElroy, the Petition of the County Council of Carleton.

By Mr. Hurdman, the Petition of St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa.

By Mr. McCrea, the Petition of the City Council of Sault Ste. Marie.

By Mr. Cook, the Petition of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Ontario.

By Mr. Sulman, the Petition of the City Council of Chatham.

By Mr. Marshall, the Petition of the Village Council of Merritton; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Beamsville.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of James McLeod and others of Almonte, praying that an Act may pass to vest certain lands in Trustees and their successors and defining the trusts upon which said lands shall be held.

Of the Town Council of Aurora, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws *re* Public Works.

Of the Town Council of Burlington, praying that an Act may pass to ratify an assessment made in March, 1915, of certain annexed territory.

Of Elizabeth Melinda Beardmore and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a settlement, by way of family arrangement, by all persons interested under the will or otherwise in the estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore and a judgment of the Supreme Court of Ontario approving thereof.

Of the City Council of Berlin, praying that an Act may pass to change the corporate name of the City.

Of the Township Council of Chapleau, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 72, and debentures issued thereunder.

Of the Village Council of Eganville, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 589.

Of the Essex Terminal Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 1896 of the City of Windsor granting right-of-way to the Company.

Of Charles R. Stevenson and others of Kent County, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Erie Beach.

Of the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to revive cap. 132, 3 Geo. V, and to extend the time for commencement and completion of the Road.

Of the Village Council of Grimsby, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 291 providing for the issue of debentures.

Of the City Council of Galt, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Water Commissioners to charge and levy a special rate upon lands fronting on streets upon which water mains are laid.

Of the Town Council of Ingersoll, praying that an Act may pass declaring that the provisions of Will of Daniel Welcome Carroll respecting Carroll's Park, be legal and binding.

Of the City Council of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to repeal cap. 75, 6 Edw. VII, respecting Aldermanic term of office.

Of the City Council of London, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of certain By-laws.

Of the Township Council of London, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to assess and impose taxes upon certain lands.

Of The Home, Lindsay, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Society to grant certain moneys in aid of the purchase or erection of a Home for Children.

Of Charles B. Labatt, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practise as a Barrister.

Of J. J. Ashworth and others of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Long Branch.

Of the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for completion of road and for other purposes.

Of the Midland Land Company, praying that an Act may pass to amend Act incorporating so as to extend the period for which land may be held by the Company.

Of Charles J. Martin of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing him to practise Dentistry in Ontario.

Of the Town Council of Midland, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 919 authorizing the issue of debentures.

Of the Village Councils of Mimico and New Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to confirm and validate certain agreements *re* water and sewage works.

Of the Town Council of Port Hope, praying certain amendments to the Municipal Act as to number and remuneration of Councillors.

Of the Village Council of New Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 94 respecting an agreement with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company.

Of the Town Council of Ojibway, praying that an Act may pass to amend Act of incorporation and to extend the boundaries of the Municipality.

Of the Township Council of Osgoode, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt and to authorize the borrowing of money and issue of debentures.

Of the Temporal Committee of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to amend certain Acts relating to; to change name of Committee and to define powers.

Of the Town Council of Owen Sound, praying that an Act may pass empowering the passing of By-laws for the issue of debentures *re* public works.

Of the Perfection Stove Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 819 of the City of Sarnia fixing assessment of Company.

Of the Queen's University and the School of Mining and Agriculture of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify, confirm and enact the provisions of an agreement for the union and merger of the School with the University under the name of Queen's University at Kingston.

Of David Rowntree and others of Weston, praying that an Act may pass authorizing sale by Trustees of the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased, of private cemetery on Weston Road and the removal therefrom of all bodies and monuments.

Of the Town Council of Sandwich, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to acquire lands for factory purposes and to keep open the Polls at Municipal Elections until Seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Of O. E. Bowman and others of the Township of Hilliard, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Thornloe.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to acquire land for nursery purposes; to define boundaries and to pass certain By-laws.

Of the Municipality of Shuniah, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm all tax sales and deeds thereunder and for other purposes.

Of the Town Council of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws.

Of the Ursuline Academy of Chatham, praying that an Act may pass to amend Act incorporating and to change the name to "The Ursuline Religious of the Diocese of London."

Of the City Council of Windsor, praying that an Act may pass to limit the duration of franchise granted by By-laws numbers 764 and 898 *in re* the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway.

Of the Councils of Windsor, Walkerville, Ford and Ojibway, praying that an Act may pass to constitute with the assent of the Electors a joint Utility Commission and to provide for the election of members thereof.

Of Wycliffe College, praying that an Act may pass continuing them as a body corporate and conferring certain powers, including the right to hold real property.

Of the Town Council of Walkerville, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the keeping open of the Polls at any Municipal Election until seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Of the Township Councils of Yarmouth and Malahide, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws and agreement.

Of the Township Council of York, praying that an Act may pass giving the Corporation power to sink pipes for the supply of water and to charge the cost upon the owners of the lands benefited.

Of the Synod of the Diocese of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass increasing the amount for which debentures were authorized to be issued under 62 Vic., cap. 3, from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Of the City Council of Guelph, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to levy an assessment for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 63), intituled “An Act to extend the Legislative Franchise to Women.” Mr. McDonald.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Bowman asked the following Question:—

How much has been received by the Government on account of War Tax, 1915.

To which the Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

Cash paid to date on War Tax, \$1,920,000, and it is expected that \$69,000 more will be realized.

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:—

1. What is the combined salary as a Cabinet Minister, Member of the Hydro-Commission, and Member of the Legislature of the Attorney-General.

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And the Provincial Treasurer replied in the words and figures following:—

The Attorney-General's salary as a Member of the Executive Council is provided for by section 4 of The Executive Council Act.

His indemnity as a Member of the Legislative Assembly is provided for by section 68 of The Legislative Assembly Act.

On the 9th of December, 1913, at a meeting of The Ontario Municipal Electric Association, the following resolution was passed:—

“Whereas the Hydro-Electric power movement has passed the preliminary organization and construction stage, and is now and has become, through the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, a successful operating business;

“And whereas the members of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario devote much time in carrying on the operation and administration of the affairs of the municipalities in regard to the use of electric energy and incur much responsibility in relation thereto;

“And whereas it is the wish of the municipalities represented in this Ontario Municipal Electric Association that the members of the said Commission should be substantially remunerated out of the funds of the municipalities for their services;

“Be it therefore resolved that the Legislature of the Province of Ontario be asked to pass such legislation as will enable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to authorize such annual remuneration, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$25,000, to be paid to the Commission for their service as may seem right.”

Pursuant to this Resolution the Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission is paid \$12,000.00 *per annum* (one-half of which is paid by the Province) and \$4,000 *per annum* is paid by the Hydro Municipalities to each of the other two members of the Commission.

On Motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Rowell,

Ordered, That there be laid before the House a Return, showing how much of the sum received by the Government on account of the War Tax, 1915, has been expended and for what purposes has the money been expended and the amount of the expenditure for such purposes respectively.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Ham,

That in the opinion of this House, the Patronage System is inimical to the highest efficiency of the public service and to the best interests of the country; that the public interests demand: (1) The creation of a non-partisan Civil Service Commission with ample powers, and that all the appointments and promotions in the public service should be by merit. (2) That the purchase of all supplies for the public service should be by tender in open competition after due public notice.

And the Motion, having been submitted to the House, was lost on a division.

And so it was declared in the negative.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk had laid upon the Table:

A Supplementary Return from the Records of the several elections in the Electoral Divisions of Algoma and Peel, shewing (1) The number of Votes Polled for each Candidate in each Electoral District in which there was a contest; (2) The majority whereby each successful Candidate was returned; (3) The total number of Votes Polled; (4) The number of Votes remaining Unpolled; (5) The number of names on the Polling Lists; (6) The number of Ballot Papers sent out to each Polling Place; (7) The Used Ballot Papers; (8) The Unused Ballot Papers; (9) The Rejected Ballot Papers; (10) The Cancelled Ballot Papers; (11) The Declined Ballot Papers; and (12) The Ballot Papers taken from Polling Places. (*Sessional Papers, No. 50.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Jaques, the Petition of the Town Council of Dunnville.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Ordered, That beginning on Monday next and on each succeeding Monday for the remainder of the Session, Government Orders shall be placed upon the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Hearst delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOHN S. HENDRIE.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year 1915-16, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, March 7th, 1916.

(*Sessional Papers No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

Mr. McGarry presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

The Public Accounts of the Province for the year ended on 31st October, 1915. (*Sessional Papers No. 1.*)

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Grenville),

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province for the year 1915, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

Mr. McGarry moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Supply.

And a Debate having arisen, it was, upon the motion of Mr. Bowman,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Mr. Atkinson asked the following Question:—

1. Has the amendment passed at the last Session of the Legislature, relating to the Lake Huron and Northern Ontario Railway Company extending the time for the company proceeding with construction and earning its land grant been brought into force by proclamation by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.
2. If so, what is the date of the proclamation.

To which the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied as follows:—

1. No.
 2. Answered by No. 1.
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Mr. Davidson asked the following Question:—

1. Has the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway Company applied to the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines to designate the lands or any part of the lands to be granted to the said railway as provided in section 3, 9 Edw. VII, chap. 71.
2. Has the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines designated any such lands or any part of the same.
3. If such lands or any part of the same have been so designated, what is the total acreage so designated, and of what townships or part of townships does the same consist.
4. Have the said lands or any part of the same been surveyed.

To which the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied in the words following:—

1. Yes.
 2. No.
 3. Answered by No. 2.
 4. No.
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The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 61), To amend the Natural Gas and Oil Wells Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to revise the Rules of the House, and that such Committee be composed of the following Members:—Mr. Speaker, and Messrs. Hearst, Lucas, McGarry, Musgrove (Huron), McCrea, Sinclair, Rowell, Proudfoot and Elliott.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Copies of Orders-in-Council in accordance with the provisions of sub-section 6 of section 78, chapter 62, R.S.O. 1914, Surrogate Courts. (*Sessional Papers, No. 64.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 25th March, 1915, for a Return shewing—1. How many Dining or Buffet Cars have the T. & N. O. Railway purchased, and what was the date of purchase, and the price paid for the said cars respectively. 2. How many of such cars are in actual use upon the railway. (*Sessional Papers, No. 65.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 25th March, 1915, for a Return shewing—1. With what Fire Insurance Companies did the T. & N. O. Railway place its Fire Insurance for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1914, and through what agents was the Insurance placed. 2. With what Fire Insurance Companies has the T. & N. O. Railway Company placed its Fire Insurance for the current year, and through what agents has the Insurance been placed. (*Sessional Papers, No. 66.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House, of the 1st April, 1915, for a Return shewing:—1. If any requests have been made by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission under section 3 of the Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914, to inquire into and report upon the proposed electric railways in Ontario. 2. If requests have been made, what are the dates upon which such requests were made and with respect to what railways or territories were such requests made. 3. What reports, if any, have been received by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council on the proposed Hydro-Electric Railways in Ontario. 4. Has the Lieutenant-Governor in Council approved the construction of any such railways; if so, which ones. (*Sessional Papers, No. 67.*)

The House then adjourned at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

William James Lowe, Esquire, the Member for the Electoral Division of Peel, having taken the Oaths and subscribed the Roll, took his seat.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Rowell, the Petition of the Township Council of Blenheim.

By Mr. Ham, the Petition of the City Council of Brantford.

By Mr. Gillespie, the Petition of the City Council of Peterborough.

By Mr. Lennox, the Petition of the Town Council of Aurora.

By Mr. Jessop, the Petition of the City Council of St. Catharines.

By Mr. Musgrove (Niagara Falls), the Petition of Frank V. E. Bardol, of Buffalo, U.S.A., and others.

By Mr. Pinard, the Petition of the City Council of Ottawa.

By Mr. Allan, the Petition of the City Council of Hamilton.

By Mr. Ducharme, the Petition of the Township Council of Rochester.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the City Council of Chatham, praying that an Act may pass to provide for reciprocity with the adjoining States of the United States of America in regard to the exchange of automobile licenses.

Of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Ontario, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the apportionment of its beneficiary and reserve fund.

Of the County Council of Carleton, praying certain amendments to the Public Health Act regarding the appointment, dismissal or release of Public Health Officers.

Of McMaster University, praying that an Act may pass to amend Act (50 *Vic., c. 95*) respecting affiliation with other Colleges.

Of the City Council of Sault Ste. Marie, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-laws to confirm assessments and voters' lists.

Of St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of the Village Council of Beamsville; also, of the Village Council of Merriton, severally praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. Lucas, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House, presented the following Lists as their Report, which were read:—

COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Honourable Mr. Hearst, Messieurs Armstrong, Black, Bowman, Cameron, Carew, Clarke, Devitt, Duff, Edgar, Ferguson (Grenville), Foy, Grant, Hall (Waterloo), Hanna, Hartt, Hook, Hoyle, Hurdman, Jessop, Lennox, Lucas, Macdiarmid, Magladery, Mason, Mathieu, Mills, McFarlan, McGarry, Parliament, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Racine, Ross, Rowell, Russell, Thompson (Simcoe), Tolmie—38.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS.

Honourable Mr. Hearst, Sir Adam Beck, Messieurs Allan, Armstrong, Bowman, Cargill, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Davidson, Dunlop, Eilber, Elliott, Evanturel, Foy, Gamey, Gillespie, Godfrey, Gooderham, Ham, Hanna, Hall (Lanark), Hartt, Hilliard, Hogarth, Hoyle, Irish, Jarvis, Jessop, Lennox, Lowe, Macdiarmid, Machin, Mageau, Magladery, Marshall, Martyn, Mason, Mathieu, Mills, Munro, Musgrove (Huron), Musgrove (Niagara Falls), McCrea, McDonald, McGarry, McPherson, Nesbitt, Nixon, Owens, Pinard, Pratt, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Price, Proudfoot, Racine, Rankin, Regan, Robb, Ross, Rowell, Sharp, Shearer, Sinclair, Studholme, Thompson (Peterborough), Tolmie—68.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS.

Honourable Mr. Hearst, Sir Adam Beck, Messieurs Allan, Atkinson, Bowman, Brower, Calder, Cameron, Carscallen, Clarke, Crawford, Dargavel, Davidson, Ducharme, Duff, Dunlop, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Ferguson (Kent), Gamey, Godfrey, Gooderham, Grant, Hall (Lanark), Hanna, Henry, Hilliard, Hogarth, Hook, Hoyle, Hurdman, Irish, Jaques, Jessop, Johnson, Lang, Lennox, Lowe, Lucas, Macdiarmid, Mageau, Marshall, Martyn, Musgrove (Huron), Musgrove (Niagara Falls), McCrea, McDonald, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, McPherson, Nesbitt, Nixon, Owens, Pinard, Pratt, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Price, Proudfoot, Racine, Rankin, Robb, Ross, Rykert, Sharp, Shearer, Sinclair, Sulman, Thompson (Simcoe), Torrance—71.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON STANDING ORDERS.

Honourable Mr. Hearst, Messieurs Bennewies, Black, Calder, Cameron, Carew, Carter, Cook, Davidson, Devitt, Donovan, Edgar, Evanturel, Ferguson (Simcoe), Gillespie, Godfrey, Grieve, Ham, Hartt, Hall (Waterloo), Henry,

Hoyle, Jarvis, Lennox, Lowe, Machin, Mason, Mathieu, Mills, Morel, Munro, Musgrove (Niagara Falls), Nesbitt, Parliament, Preston (Lanark), Racine, Rankin, Regan, Richardson, Robb, Rowell, Russell, Studholme, Thompson (Peterborough), Torrance, Wigle—46.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven members.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

Honourable Mr. Hearst, Sir Adam Beck, Messieurs Bowman, Carew, Cargill, Carter, Clarke, Dargavel, Eilber, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Gamey, Gillespie, Hall (Lanark), Hanna, Hartt, Hilliard, Hogarth, Hook, Hurdman, Irish, Jaques, Johnson, Lennox, Lucas, Mageau, Machin, Magladery, Munro, Musgrove (Huron), McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Pinard, Price, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Rankin, Rowell, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Torrance—43.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven members.

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LAW.

Honourable Mr. Hearst, Messieurs Allan, Armstrong, Atkinson, Bennewies, Black, Brower, Cameron, Carew, Cargill, Carscallen, Carter, Chambers, Cook, Crawford, Dargavel, Devitt, Ducharme, Duff, Dunlop, Edgar, Eilber, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Ferguson (Kent), Ferguson (Simcoe), Foy, Gamey, Godfrey, Gooderham, Grant, Grieve, Hall (Waterloo), Ham, Hanna, Henry, Hilliard, Hook, Hoyle, Hurdman, Irish, Jarvis, Johnson, Lang, Lennox, Macdiarmid, Machin, Marshall, Martyn, Mills, Musgrove (Huron), Musgrove (Niagara Falls), McElroy, McFarlan, McGarry, McKeown, McPherson, Nixon, Parliament, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Price, Proudfoot, Pyne, Racine, Rankin, Regan, Richardson, Russell, Rykert, Sharp, Studholme, Sulman, Thompson (Simcoe), Wigle—75.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND COLONIZATION.

Honourable Mr. Hearst, Messieurs Armstrong, Bennewies, Black, Brower, Calder, Carscallen, Chambers, Cook, Dargavel, Davidson, Devitt, Donovan, Ducharme, Duff, Eilber, Elliott, Ferguson (Simcoe), Gamey, Gillespie, Grant, Grieve, Henry, Jaques, Jessop, Lowe, Macdiarmid, Mageau, Marshall, Mathieu, Morel, Musgrove (Huron), McElroy, McFarlan, Nesbitt, Parliament, Preston (Durham), Preston (Lanark), Pratt, Rankin, Regan, Richardson, Robb, Rowell, Sharp, Shearer, Thompson (Peterborough), Torrance, Wigle—49.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of nine members.

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME.

Sir Adam Beck, Messieurs Armstrong, Black, Brower, Carscallen, Clarke, Dargavel, Donovan, Duff, Dunlop, Eilber, Grant, Grieve, Hartt, Hogarth, Jessop, Lang, Macdiarmid, Mageau, Marshall, Morel, Musgrove (Huron), Nesbitt, Nixon, Owens, Parliament, Pratt, Rankin, Tolmie—29.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of seven members.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

Messieurs Carscallen, Crawford, Donovan, Ferguson (Kent), Jarvis, Lucas, Mason, Musgrove (Huron), McDonald, Owens, Preston (Lanark), Ross, Sulman, Tolmie—14.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of five members.

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL BILLS.

Honourable Mr. Hearst, Messieurs Cameron, Elliott, Ferguson (Grenville), Foy, Hanna, Lennox, Lucas, McCrea, McGarry, McKeown, McPherson, Proudfoot, Pyne, Rowell, Thompson (Simcoe)—16.

The Quorum of said Committee to consist of five members.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the foregoing Report.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 64), intituled “An Act to amend the Public Health Act.”
Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 65), intituled “An Act to extend the Municipal Franchise to Women.” Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 66), intituled “An Act to amend the Local Improvement Act.”
Mr. Parliament.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Marshall moved, seconded by Mr. Carter,

That in the opinion of this House, Local Electric Railways within the Province of Ontario should not receive charters or extensions of charters save by and through the action of the Legislature of this Province; and this House would respectfully memorialise the Government and Parliament of Canada not to grant the renewal of any charters which will interfere with the development of the Hydro-Radial Railway System in this Province. And that the Honourable Speaker of this House be requested to transmit by wire to the Government of Canada a copy of the foregoing resolution.

And a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

On Motion of Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid, it was

Resolved, That this House approves of the recent action of the Government in opposing before the Railway Committee of the Parliament of Canada the proposed extension of certain Railway Charters hitherto granted by said Parliament of Canada and which would interfere with the projected Hydro-Electric Railway lines in the Niagara Peninsula. And this House reaffirms its objection to the granting or renewal of Charters by the Parliament of Canada to Local Electric Railways within this Province and to the removal of such Railways from the jurisdiction of this Legislature by declaring them to be for the general advantage of Canada.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the House be instructed to transmit forthwith to the Clerk of the House of Commons of Canada a copy of the above Resolution.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Thursday, March 9th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McGarry, the Petition of the Township Council of Raglan.

By Mr. Preston (Lanark), the Petition of Township Council of Lavant; also, of the Township Council of the United Townships of Dalhousie and North Sherbrooke.

By Mr. Mills, the Petition of T. A. Witzel and others; also, the Petition of the Kauffman Rubber Company, Limited; also, the Petition of the L. McBrine Company, Limited, all of Berlin.

By Mr. Eilber, the Petition of the Township Council of Hay.

By Mr. Davidson, the Petition of the Town Council of Paris.

By Mr. Martyn, the Petition of the City Council of Sarnia; also, the Petition of the Village Council of Thedford.

By Mr. Hurdman, the Petition of the City Council of Ottawa.

By Mr. Elliott, the Petition of the Township Council of Delaware.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Town Council of Dunnville, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act as to number and remuneration of Councillors.

Mr. Hartt, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their first Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:

Of the Town Council of Ojibway, praying that an Act may pass to amend Act of Incorporation and to extend the boundaries of the Municipality.

Of the Municipality of Shuniah, praying that an Act may pass to legalize and confirm tax sales and deeds thereunder and for other purposes.

Of the Ursuline Academy of Chatham, praying that an Act may pass to amend Act incorporating and to change the name to "The Ursuline Religious of the Diocese of London."

Of O. E. Bowman and others, of the Township of Hilliard, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Thornloe.

Of David Rowntree and others, of Weston, praying that an Act may pass authorizing sale by Trustees of the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased, of private cemetery on Weston Road and the removal therefrom of all bodies and monuments.

Of the Village Council of Grimsby, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 29, providing for the issue of debentures.

Of the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass to revive cap. 132, 3 Geo. V, and to extend the time for commencement and completion of the road.

Of James McLeod and others, of Almonte, praying that an Act may pass to vest certain lands in Trustees and their Successors and defining the trusts upon which said lands shall be held.

Of the Township Council of Yarmouth and Malahide, praying that an Act may pass to confirm certain By-laws and Agreements.

Of the City Council of Windsor, praying that an Act may pass to limit the duration of franchise granted by By-laws Numbers 764 and 898 *in re* The Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Railway.

Of the Perfection Stove Company, Limited, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 819 of the City of Sarnia, fixing assessment of the Company.

Of The Midland Land Company, praying that an Act may pass incorporating them, so as to extend the period for which land may be held by the Company.

Of The Home, Lindsay, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Society to grant certain moneys in aid of the purchase or erection of a Home for Children.

Of the Town Council of Midland, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 919 authorizing the issue of debentures.

Of the Town Council of Owen Sound, praying that an Act may pass empowering the passing of By-laws for the issue of debentures *re* Public Works.

Of Queen's University and the School of Mining and Agriculture of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm the provisions of an Agreement for the Union and Merger of the School with the University under the name of Queen's University at Kingston.

Of the Village Councils of Mimico and New Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to confirm and validate certain Agreements *re* Water and Sewage Works.

Of Elizabeth Melinda Beardmore and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to confirm a settlement, by way of family arrangement, by all persons interested under the Will, or otherwise, in the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore and a Judgment of the Supreme Court of Ontario approving thereof.

Of the City Council of Galt, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Water Commissioners to charge and levy a special rate upon lands fronting on streets upon which water mains are laid.

Of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Ontario, praying that an Act may pass to authorize the apportionment of its beneficiary and reserve funds.

Of the City Council of Guelph, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to levy an Assessment for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Your Committee recommend that Rule No. 51 of Your Honourable House be suspended in this that the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Monday the 20th day of March instant.

Ordered, That the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Monday the 20th day of March, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 1), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Ojibway." Mr Sinclair.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 2), intituled "An Act respecting the Municipality of Shuniah." Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 3), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Ursuline Academy of Chatham." Mr. Sulman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 4), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Thornloe." Mr. McKeown.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 5), intituled "An Act respecting the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased." Mr. Godfrey.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 6), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 291 of the Village of Grimsby." Mr. Marshall.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 8), intituled "An Act vesting certain lands in the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, Almonte." Mr. Preston (Lanark.)

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 9), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Galt." Mr. Hall (Waterloo.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 10), intituled "An Act to confirm Certain By-laws and an Agreement between the Townships of Yarmouth and Malahide." Mr. Brower.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 14), intituled "An Act limiting the duration of the Franchise granted by By-laws 764 and 898 of the City of Windsor." Mr. Tolmie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 16), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 819 of the City of Sarnia." Mr. Martyn.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 21), intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating The Midland Land Company." Mr. Preston (Durham.)

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 25), intituled "An Act respecting The Home, Lindsay." Mr. Carew.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 31), intituled "An Act respecting the amalgamation of the School of Mining and Agriculture with Queen's University at Kingston." Mr. Rankin.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 32), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Midland." Mr. Hartt.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 33), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Owen Sound." Mr. Cameron.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 36), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Mimico and the Village of New Toronto." Mr. Godfrey.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 45), intituled "An Act relating to the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased." Mr. Owens.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 48), intituled "An Act respecting the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company." Mr. Hurdman.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 50), intituled "An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Guelph to levy an assessment during the present year for the Canadian Patriotic Fund." Mr. Carter.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 67), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Act." Mr. Musgrove (Niagara Falls.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 68), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Voters' Lists Act." Mr. Parliament.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 69), intituled "An Act to amend the Fire Marshals Act." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:—

1. Is Dr. Bradley still License Inspector for the Riding of Centre Bruce, which ceased to exist in 1914. 2. What amount did he receive from the Provincial Treasury in 1915. 3. How many License Inspectors were not re-appointed after the Ontario License Board was appointed in 1915. 4. How many licenses have been cut off by the License Board, and where were these licenses located.

And the Provincial Secretary replied in the words following:—

1. Dr. Bradley never was License Inspector for the Riding of Centre Bruce, but was from the time of his appointment and still is Inspector for the License District of Centre Bruce, which has not yet ceased to exist. 2. Two hundred dollars was paid by the Provincial Treasury towards the expenses of the district in the year 1915. 3. License Inspectors are not re-appointed. Their appointment is a continuing one. 4. Number of Licenses which have been cut off, 55, and located in:—1, Walford, Algoma; 1, Hepworth, Bruce, North; 1, Richmond, Carleton; 1, Newcastle, Durham, West; 1, Windsor P.O., Essex, North; 3, Ford, Sandwich East, North; 1, Tecumseh, North; 1, Ruscomb, North; 1, Ojibway, North; 1, Essex, Essex, South; 2, Portsmouth, Frontenac; 1, Wolf Island; 2, Prescott, Grenville; 2, Hamilton; 1, Maynooth, Hastings, North; 1, Mitchell's Bay, Kent, West; 1, Dubuque, Kent, West; 2, Carleton

Place, Lanark, North; 1, Gananoque (Shop), Leeds; 1, Homer, Lincoln; 1, Niagara (Shop), Lincoln; 4, London; 1, Espanola; 2, Cobourg, Northumberland, West; 1, Brechin, Ontario, North; 1, Whitby, Ontario, South; 1, Ottawa; 1, Moon's Falls, Parry Sound, West; 1, Burk's Falls, Parry Sound, East; 1, Mitchell (Shop), Perth, South; 1, St. Amour, Prescott; 1, Atikokan, Rainy River; 1, Rainy River, Rainy River; 1, Pembroke, Renfrew, North; 1, Penetanguishene (Shop), Simcoe, East; 1, Lisbon, Waterloo, South; 1, Ridgemoor, Welland; 3, Windsor (1 Club); 1, Walkerville (Shop); 2, Sandwich; 2, Toronto (Club).

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson (Kent), seconded by Mr. Wigle,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing—1. What is the total capital expenditure on the Guelph Prison Farm to the close of the fiscal year. 2. If any further capital expenditures are contemplated; and shewing the estimated amount thereof. 3. And how many prisoners are now confined at the Guelph Prison Farm.

On Motion of Mr. Wigle, seconded by Mr. Parliament,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing—1. What is the total capital expenditure on the Whitby Asylum to the close of the fiscal year. 2. And if any further capital expenditures are contemplated; and if so, shewing the estimated amount thereof. 3. And the number of inmates now confined in the Whitby Asylum.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Munro,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of Births, Marriages and Deaths for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 20.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Friday, March 10th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Clerk of the House of Commons of Canada, an acknowledgment of the receipt by him, of a copy of the Resolution *re* Railways, which passed the House on the eighth instant, and which was read as follows:—

OTTAWA, 9th March, 1916.

The Clerk of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario,

Toronto.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, enclosing a Resolution of the Legislative Assembly, approving of the recent action of the Government in opposing certain proposed legislation with regard to the removal of certain railways from the jurisdiction of the Legislature of Ontario. I beg to say that this Resolution will be forwarded to the Secretary of State to be laid before the Government.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. B. FLINT,

Clerk of the House of Commons.

Arthur H. Sydere, Esquire,

Clerk, Legislative Assembly, etc., Toronto.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Devitt, the Petition of the Town Council of Bowmanville.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Town Council of Oshawa.

By Mr. Donovan, the Petition of the Town Council of Brockville.

By Mr. Dargavel, the Petition of the Town Council of Gananoque.

By Mr. Regan, the Petition of the Township Council of Barton.

By Mr. Grieve, the Petition of the Town Council of Strathroy.

By Mr. Gillespie, the Petition of the City Council of Peterborough.

By Mr. Hogarth, the Petition of the Township Council of Oliver.

By Mr. Ferguson (Kent), two Petitions of the County Council of Kent; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Camden; also, the Petition of the Town Council of Dresden.

By Mr. McDonald, the Petition of the Township Council of Albemarle; also, the Petition of the Township Council of St. Edmunds.

By Mr. Racine, the Petition of the Town Council of Rockland.

By Mr. Carter, the Petition of the Township Council of Puslinch.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Town Council of Aurora, praying that an Act may pass confirming certain By-laws.

Of Frank V. E. Bardol, of Buffalo, U.S.A., and others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Buffalo, Fort Erie Ferry and Railroad Company and for other purposes.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass By-laws for borrowing certain moneys on debentures.

Of the City Council of St. Catharines, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of Debentures *re* High Level Bridge.

Of the City Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass to provide for reciprocity with the United States of America in regard to the exchange of automobile licenses.

Of the Township Council of Blenheim; also, of the City Council of Brantford; also, of the City Council of Hamilton; also, of the Township Council of Rochester, severally praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 53), intituled "An Act respecting the Ancient Order of the United Workmen of the Province of Ontario." Mr. Cook.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 70), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."
Mr. Edgar.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 71), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act."
Mr. Sinclair.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Mr. Grieve asked the following Question:—

1. How much has been expended by the Government to date in respect of the new Government House, particularizing the expenditure, (1) for the site, (2) for laying out the grounds, (3) for the building, and (4) for the furnishings, respectively.

And the Minister of Public Works replied as follows:—

1. For the site, \$148,118.77. 2. Laying out of grounds, \$167,756.99. 3. Cost of building, \$605,737.70, and other buildings, \$26,840.29. 4. Furnishings, \$62,406.50.

Mr. Proudfoot asked the following Question:—

1. What is the total amount of the securities of the Province of Ontario sold by the Government during the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915. 2. How many sales of securities of the Province were made during the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915. 3. What was the price realized, and the rate of interest payable, on the securities sold at each of the said sales respectively. 4. Were public subscriptions called for any of the said sales; and if so, for which ones. 5. Were public tenders called for the sale of any of the said securities; and if so, which ones, and the dates thereof.

To which the Provincial Treasurer replied in the words and figures following:—

1. \$14,795,000.00 2. Six. 3. Prices realized, *Par*, 100.38, 100.25, 96.58, *Par*, *Par*. Rate of Interest payable 5 *per cent.*, 5 *per cent.*, 5 *per cent.*, 4½ *per cent.*, 3⅞ *per cent.*, 4½ *per cent.* 4. Yes, Series "F," "G" and "K." 5. No, but quotations were asked for.

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:—

1. What amount has been paid out of the Provincial Treasury to the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission. 2. How much will the actual cost exceed the estimated cost. 3. What amount, and to whom, has been paid out to date for legal expenses in connection with the construction of this highway.

And the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:—

1. Nothing has been paid out of the Treasury of Ontario to the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission. 2. Owing to the width of the pavement having been increased; the employment of relief labour, particularly during the winter season; the very unusual weather conditions throughout the summer of 1915 and the reconstruction of almost all the culverts and Township bridges, the Engineer of the Commission estimates that the actual cost of the road will exceed the original statement of cost by \$320,000.00. 3. The following amounts have been paid for legal expenses in connection with the construction of the Highway:—

To Mr. Alexander Bruce, K.C., for examining and certifying as to the validity of the Bonds of the Commission.....	\$250 00
To Mr. A. M. Dymond, K.C., for drafting Bill and preparing papers in connection with the Bond issue of the Commission, and for advising the Commission from September, 1914, until the close of the Session of 1915.....	200 00
To Messrs. Fasken, Cowan, Chadwick & Rose, Barristers, Toronto, connection with the expropriation and transfer of property, examination of Titles, and advising generally.....	1,604 54
Total.....	<u>\$2,054 54</u>

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 60), To establish the Trades and Labour Branch.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Monday, March 13th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 45), Relating to the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:—

In the matter of the Bill respecting the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased, (No. 45.)

We, the undersigned, two Commissioners of Estate Bills, pursuant to the request of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, dated 8th March, 1916, respectfully report as follows:—

1. The undersigned have had under consideration the Bill in question, intituled "An Act relating to the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased," and we are of opinion that, presuming the allegations contained in the preamble to be proved to the satisfaction of the House, it is reasonable that such Bill do pass into law.

2. The provisions thereof are, in our opinion, proper for carrying its purpose into effect.

3. We do not think that any alterations or amendments are necessary in the same.

GLENHOLME FALCONBRIDGE,

C. J. K. B.

WILLIAM RENWICK RIDDELL,

J. S. C.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 45), Relating to the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Hearst, the Petition of the Township Council of Korah.

By Mr. Donovan, the Petition of the Township Council of Elizabethtown.

By Mr. Tolmie, the Petition of the Town Council of Sandwich.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of T. A. Witzel and others; also, of the Kauffman Rubber Company, Limited; also, of the L. McBrine Company, Limited, all of Berlin, severally praying that an Act may pass to change the name of the City of Berlin.

Of the Town Council of Bowmanville, praying that an Act may pass authorizing certain by-laws and the issue of debentures and empowering the levy of a sewage rate.

Of the Town Council of Oshawa, praying that an Act may pass permitting the Town to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the County of Ontario.

Of the City Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass to authorize a grant by by-law of an assessment fixed at \$20,000, to J. J. Turner and Sons; also, to Campbell Flour Mills, Limited.

Of the City Council of Ottawa; also, of the City Council of Sarnia, severally praying that an Act may pass to provide for reciprocity with the United States, in regard to the exchange of automobile licenses.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying for certain amendments to the Line Fence Act.

Of the County Council of Kent, praying for certain amendments to the War Tax Act.

Of the Township Council of Hay; also, of the Town Council of Paris; also, of the Village Council of Thedford; also, of the Township Council of Raglan; also, of the Township Council of Lavant; also of the Township Council of the United Townships of Dalhousie and Sherbrooke; also, of the Township Council of Delaware; also, of the Town Council of Strathroy; also, of the Town Council of Dresden; also, of the Township Council of Camden; also, of the Town Council of Brockville; also, of the Township Council of Oliver; also, of the Township Council of Barton; also, of the Town Council

of Gananoque; also, of the Township Council of Puslinch; also, of the Township Council of St. Edmunds; also, of the Township Council of Albemarle; also, of the Town Council of Rockland, severally praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. Hurdman asked the following Question:—

1. Does the Government continue to pay whole or any part of the salary of officials and employees of the Government who enlist for O. S. S. 2. If so, what percentage of salary does the Government pay.

And the Provincial Treasurer replied in the words following:—

1. Yes. 2. All civil servants on the permanent staff who may enlist, are granted leave of absence during the war with one year's full salary. After the expiration of the first year military pay shall be supplemented by the Government to an amount sufficient to make the pay of the official equal to his salary in the service. Special cases of those on the permanent staff may be differently dealt with where they are deserving of such consideration. All other cases are dealt with upon their respective merits after report by the Minister in whose department the official may have served.

Mr. Parliament asked the following Question:—

1. What Municipalities have applied to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Provincial grants in aid of Drainage works under The Provincial Aid to Drainage Act. 2. How much money has been paid to Municipalities out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund during the year 1915 in aid of Drainage works.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied as follows:—

1. Alfred and Caledonia, Amaranth, Anderdon, Brooke and Enniskillen, Chatham, Clarence, Colchester South, Cornwall, Dawn, Dover, Ellice and Logan, Euphemia, Fullarton, Gosfield North, Grey, Humberstone, Kenyon, Keppel, Lochiel, Marlborough and North Gower, Mersea, Middleton, Osnabrock, Pelee Island, Roxborough, Sandwich West, Sarnia, Sarawak, West Luther, Winchester and Russell. 2. \$3,500. (North Gosfield, \$1,500; Roxborough, \$2,000).

On Motion of Mr. Ham, seconded by Mr. Tolmie,

Ordered, That there be laid before the House, a Return shewing: 1. The names and addresses respectively of the persons who attended the short course

of Instructions for Judges at Fall Fairs given at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph in June, 1915. 2. The names and addresses respectively of the persons who attended the Course of Instruction for Judges at Fall Fairs at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in 1915. 3. The names and addresses of the persons who were appointed by the Government as Judges at Fall Fairs in 1915, and what departments or classes did each judge respectively.

On Motion of Mr. Rowell, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing: 1. Copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Province of Ontario, or any officer or official thereof, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any officer or official thereof, with reference to the care of or provision for returned soldiers, and particularly assisting returned soldiers to secure employment. 2. Copies of all resolutions passed at a conference between representatives of the Government of Canada and of the Provinces, in reference to the care of and provision for returned soldiers. 3. Copy of the document setting out the understanding arrived at between the Government of Canada and the Governments of the different Provinces in reference to the care of the said soldiers.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 62), Respecting the Greater Winnipeg Water District.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 64), To amend The Public Health Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House by Command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of Northern Development Branch under 2 George V, cap. 2, for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers No. 63.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 8), Vesting certain lands in the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, Almonte.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

SIR,—Referring to your communication of March 9th, 1916, forwarding a copy of Bill No. 8, intituled “An Act vesting certain lands in the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, Almonte,” we, the undersigned, two of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Ontario and Commissioners of Estate Bills, report:—

That in our opinion, presuming the allegations contained in the preamble to be proved to the satisfaction of the House, it is reasonable that the said Bill do pass into law. The provisions thereof appear to be proper for carrying the Bill into effect and we do not deem any alteration, or amendment thereof, to be necessary. We are, Sir,

Yours, etc.,

W. MULOCK, C.J. Ex.

R. F. SUTHERLAND, J.

Arthur H. Sydere, Esquire,

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly,

Parliament Buildings,

Toronto, Ont.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 8), Vesting certain lands in the Trustees of St. Andrew's Church, Almonte, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. McKeown, the Petition of the County Council of Dufferin.

By Mr. Sinclair, the Petition of the Village Council of Norwich.

By Mr. McElroy, the Petition of the Township Council of March.

By Mr. Torrance, the Petition of the City Council of Stratford.

By Mr. Elliott, the Petition of the Village Council of Newbury.

By Mr. Johnson, the Petition of the City Council of Belleville.

By Mr. Brower, the Petition of the Township Council of Bayham.

By Mr. Gillespie, the Petition of the City Council of Peterborough; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Ennismore.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill with amendment:—

Bill (No. 1), An Act respecting the Town of Ojibway.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 2), An Act respecting the Municipality of Shuniah.

Bill (No. 3), An Act to amend the Act to incorporate The Ursuline Academy of Chatham.

Bill (No. 9), An Act respecting the City of Galt.

Bill (No. 10), An Act to confirm certain by-laws and an Agreement between the Townships of Yarmouth and Malahide.

Bill (No. 16), An Act to confirm By-law No. 819 of the City of Sarnia.

Bill (No. 31), An Act respecting the amalgamation of the School of Mining and Agriculture with Queen's University at Kingston.

Bill (No. 50), An Act to authorize the Corporation of the City of Guelph to levy an assessment during the year 1916 for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing be remitted on Bill (No. 3), "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the Ursuline Academy of Chatham," on the ground that it is one relating to a

Religious Institution; on Bill (No. 31), "An Act respecting the amalgamation of the School of Mining and Agriculture with Queen's University at Kingston," on the ground that it is one relating to an Educational Institution; and on Bill (No. 30), "An Act to limit the liability of the Village of Merritton and the Village of Port Dalhousie for and in connection with the Queenston and Grimsby Road," the same having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 3), Ursuline Academy, Chatham; Bill (No. 31), School of Mining and Agriculture, Kingston, and on Bill (No. 30), Merritton and Port Dalhousie.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time, it was, on the Motion of Mr. Rowell,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The House then adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Town of Midland.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To The Honourable, The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (a) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 32, 1916), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Midland," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by your Honourable House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.

Dated at Toronto, this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 1916.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Town of Midland, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Morel, the Petition of the Town Council of Cache Bay; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Bonfield.

By Mr. Crawford, the Petition of the City Council of Toronto.

By Mr. Godfrey, the Petition of K. C. Nelles and others; also, the Petition of A. C. Walker and others, all of York.

By Mr. Jaques, the Petition of the Village Council of Jarvis.

By Mr. Mason, the Petition of the Township Council of Cardiff.

By Mr. Ferguson (Simcoe), the Petition of the Village Council of Bradford.

By Mr. Calder, the Petition of the Town Council of Oshawa.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Korah; also, of the Town Council of Sandwich; also, of the Township Council of Elizabethtown, severally praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. Hartt from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to acquire land for nursery farm purposes; to define boundaries and to pass certain By-laws.

Of the Township Council of Chapleau, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 72, and debentures issued thereunder.

Of Charles B. Labatt, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit him to practise as a Barrister.

Of the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company, praying that an Act may pass extending the time for completion of road and for other purposes.

Of Frank V. E. Bardol, of Buffalo, U.S.A., and others, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Buffalo, Fort Erie Ferry and Railroad Company.

Of the Town Council of Bowmanville, praying that an Act may pass authorizing certain By-laws and the issue of debentures and empowering the levy of a sewage rate.

Of McMaster University, praying that an Act may pass to amend Act (50 Vic., c. 95), respecting affiliation with other Colleges.

Of Wycliffe College, praying that an Act may pass continuing them as a body corporate and conferring certain powers, including the right to hold real property.

Of the Village Council of Eganville, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 589.

Of the Essex Terminal Railway, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 1896, of the City of Windsor, granting right-of-way to the Company.

Mr. Hartt, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the City Council of Berlin, praying that an Act may pass to change the corporate name of the City and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published for a period of three weeks in the "*Ontario Gazette*" and is still current; a Declaration filed before your Committee sets forth that the said Notice has also been published in the "*Daily Telegraph*," a newspaper published in the City of Berlin, on the 24th day of February last and on the 2nd day of March inst., and in the "*Berlin News Record*," a newspaper published in the said City of Berlin on the 26th day of February last and on the 4th day of March inst., the Declaration further states that instructions have been given the publishers of each of the said papers to insert the said advertisement in the issues of each of said newspapers for the full period of six weeks.

The Declaration further states that 100 hand bills containing a copy of the said advertisement have been posted in conspicuous places throughout the said City of Berlin, and that to the best of the deponent's knowledge and belief the said hand bills were posted up on the 29th day of February last and the 1st day of March inst. Your Committee have also had before them, in addition to the petition hereinbefore mentioned, three other petitions numerously signed by manufacturers and ratepayers of the City of Berlin all praying that the Corporate name of the said City be changed.

Your Committee are of the opinion that by the publication as aforesaid, all parties interested have had full opportunity of becoming aware of the proposed legislation and would therefore recommend that the Notices as published be held sufficient.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 7), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 589 of the Village of Eganville." Mr. Dunlop.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 11), intituled "An Act respecting Wycliffe College." Mr. McPherson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 12), intituled "An Act respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company." Mr. Jarvis.

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 13), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 72 of the Township of Chapleau." Mr. McCrea.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 22), intituled "An Act to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Charles Bagot Labatt as a Barrister." Mr. Irish.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 34), intituled "An Act respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company and the City of Windsor." Mr. Sulman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 44), intituled "An Act to change the name of the City of Berlin." Mr. Mills.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 46), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Toronto." Mr. Crawford.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 51), intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating McMaster University." Mr. Irish.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 72), intituled "An Act to amend the Statute Labour Act." Mr. Rankin.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 73), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. Ducharme.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 74), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Hurdman.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 75), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Ham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 76), intituled "An Act to regulate the load of Vehicles operated on Highways." Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 77), intituled "An Act to amend the Evidence Act." Mr. Parliament.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 78), intituled "The Manhood Suffrage Registration Act." Mr. Grieve.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 79), intituled "An Act to amend the Highways Improvement Act." Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 80), intituled "An Act to amend the Steam Boiler Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Pinard asked the following Question:—

1. Is the Government aware that a sum of \$67,000 has been paid during the course of last year to the teachers of the English Separate Schools of Ottawa. 2. Where does this money come from. 3. Has the Government in any way assumed the responsibility of the payment or reimbursement of this sum. 4. Has the Government given any guarantee of repayment to the Quebec Bank or to any other person.

To which the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. The Quebec Bank. 3. Yes. 4. Yes.

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:—

1. What percentage of the amount authorized by the Regulations of the Department of Education will be paid to the Public Schools of the Province during the current year.

And the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied in the words following:—

The reports from the Public Schools of the Province for the current year are not due at the Department until the month of June; but in any event, the whole of the Public Schools' share of the Legislative grants will be paid to those schools.

Mr. Carter asked the following Question:—

1. What amount has the Canada Copper Company paid to the Provincial Government in respect of tax on profits of the mine under The Mining Tax Act, for the fiscal year ending the 31st day of October, A.D. 1915.

And the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied:—

1. \$40,000.
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Mr. Gillespie asked the following Question:—

1. What military status, if any, did Mr. James, Private Secretary of the Minister of Education, hold, during his recent visit to Great Britain. 2. For how long a period was Mr. James in Great Britain. 3. Did he receive any pay as a military officer during his absence from Canada; and if so, how much. 4. Did his salary as Private Secretary continue during that period.

And the Minister of Education replied that:—

1. Mr. James was given the rank of Major in C.A.M.C. in England and attached to the Staff of General Carson. Mr. James had previously served for many years in the Militia of Canada. 2. Over eight months. 3. No. 4. Yes, as he was solely engaged in official duties.
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Mr. Proudfoot asked the following Question:—

1. Were William Watt and Thos. Barr guards, or otherwise employed at the Guelph Prison Farm, prior to the General Election of 1914. 2. Were the said Watt and Barr dismissed after the said General Election; and if so, for what cause. 3. Were the said Watt and Barr reappointed as guards; and if so, on what date. 4. Is either the said William Watt or Thos. Barr now in the Government employ; and if so, in what capacity.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. The said Watt and Barr were suspended on the 2nd of July, 1914, it being charged that they had improperly registered under The Manhood Suffrage Registration Act. 3. The said Watt and Barr were reinstated as guards on or about the 13th of May, 1915. 4. The said William Watt is now in the employ of the Government in the capacity of guard. The said Thomas Barr resigned on or about the 30th of June, 1915.
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Mr. Parliament asked the following Question:—

1. Was one Gilfillan a guard at the Guelph Prison Farm prior to the General Election of 1914. 2. Was the said Gilfillan dismissed after the said election; and if so, for what cause. 3. Has the said Gilfillan been reappointed to the Government service. If so, on what date.

And the Provincial Secretary replied in the words following:—

1. Yes. 2. The said Gilfillan was suspended on or about July 6th, 1914, it being charged that he had actively interested himself in the registration of voters. 3. Yes. On or about the 25th day of May, 1915.

Mr. Ferguson (Kent), asked the following Question:—

1. What position does Mr. George Black hold in the Department of the Provincial Secretary; or in connection with any of the institutions under the charge of that Department. 2. When did the said Black enter the employ of the Government; and what positions has he occupied since entering the said employ.

And the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. Director of Heat, Light and Power. 2. On or about June 1st, 1910, as Assistant to W. A. McLean, then Chief Engineer of Highways; as Resident Engineer, Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, from August, 1911; and as Director of Heat, Light and Power from December, 1914.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Motion that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Supply, having been read,

The Debate was resumed,

And after some time, the Motion having been again put, was carried and the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1916 the following sum:—

98. To defray the expenses of Civil Government \$77,195 12

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Provincial Auditor's Report for the year 1914-1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 53.)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Division Courts for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 5.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 13th March, 1916, for a Return of:—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Province of Ontario, or any officer or official thereof, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any officer or official thereof, with reference to the care of or provision for returned soldiers, and particularly assisting returned soldiers to secure employment. 2. Copies of all resolutions passed at a conference between representatives of the Government of Canada and of the Provinces, in reference to the care of and provision for returned soldiers. 3. Copy of the document setting out the understanding arrived at between the Government of Canada and the Governments of the different Provinces in reference to the care of the said soldiers. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 68.)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 16th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

The undersigned, two of the Commissioners of Estate Bills, to whom was referred Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased, have the honour to report that they have considered the Bill, the allegations of the Petition upon which it is founded, and the Will of the deceased, and are of opinion:—

1. That presuming the allegations as to the burying ground contained in the preamble to be proved to the satisfaction of your Honourable House

it is reasonable that the provisions of the first five sections should pass into law, if in the opinion of your Honourable House sufficient notice of what is proposed to be done has been given to the friends or relatives of the dead interred in the burying ground with which the Bill deals, or that for any reason it is proper to dispense with the giving of any further notice than has been given by the advertisement in the "*Ontario Gazette*" and in a newspaper published in Toronto which have been published.

2. It is at least doubtful whether special legislation is necessary to enable the Executors to do what, by the sixth section of the Bill they are authorized to do. The Will does not contain a direction that the lands shall be sold in parcels, but only an expression of the testator's desire that that shall be done, and it may well be that if in the judgment of the Executors a sale in the parcels mentioned in the Will is impracticable or would be disadvantageous to those who are beneficially interested in the proceeds of the sale they may sell in the manner they may deem most advantageous to the beneficiaries.

3. It does not appear whether or not any of the persons interested in the proceeds of the sale are infants. If all of them are *sui juris* and they and the widow of the testator concur in the course the Executors desire to take, no legislation would be necessary to enable the Executors to sell in the way they propose to sell, even if the provisions of the Will as to selling in parcels be a direction which the Executors would otherwise be bound to obey.

4. The undersigned are of opinion that it is not advisable by legislation to interfere with the carrying out of provisions of wills unless in very exceptional cases, and where the changes proposed to be made will be clearly beneficial to all persons interested.

5. Subject to the foregoing observations, presuming the allegations contained in the preamble to be proved and that your Honourable House is of opinion that sufficient reason is shown for the enactment of special legislation, the undersigned are of opinion that it is reasonable that section 6 of the Bill do pass into law and that its provisions are proper for carrying its purposes into effect.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. R. MEREDITH, C.J.O.

JOHN J. MACLAREN, J.A.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

Mr. Speaker also informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

The Report was then read by the Clerk, at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (a) of your Honourable House to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, of section 1 of Bill (No. 33, 1916), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Owen Sound," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said section 1 of the said Bill should be passed by your Honourable House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.

Dated at Toronto, this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 1916.

Ordered, that Bill (No. 33), Respecting the Town of Owen Sound, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McCrea, the Petition of the Town of Sudbury.

By Mr. Black, the Petition of the Township Council of Hinchinbrooke.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the City Council of Toronto; also, of the City Council of Stratford, severally praying that an Act may pass to provide for reciprocity with the United States in regard to the exchange of automobile licenses.

Of the Township Council of Bayham; also, of the Township Council of March; also, of the City Council of Belleville; also, of the Village Council of Norwich; also, of the City Council of Peterborough; also, of the Township Council of Ennismore; also, of the Village Council of Newbury, severally praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Of the County Council of Dufferin, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act, respecting representation in County Councils.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 56), intituled “An Act to incorporate Buffalo, Fort Erie Ferry and Railroad Company.” Mr. Musgrove (Niagara Falls.)

Referred to the Committee on Railways.

Bill (No. 58), intituled “An Act respecting the Town of Bowmanville.” Mr. Devitt.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 81), intituled “An Act respecting Juvenile Courts.” Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, that the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Proudfoot asked the following Question:—

1. Did the Government of Ontario offer the Imperial Government to establish a military hospital in Great Britain or France. If so, what was the date of the offer. 2. What was the estimated expense of the establishment of the said hospital at the date the offer was made. 3. Did the Government of Ontario subsequently offer to contribute towards the establishment of a military hospital a certain fixed sum. If so, how much. 4. What is the total estimated cost of the establishment and equipment of the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington. 5. How much has been expended on account thereof. 6. What is the estimated cost *per month* for the maintenance of the hospital.

And the Provincial Treasurer replied in the words and figures following:

1. Yes, in England. May 28th, 1915. 2. \$1,000,000. 3. No. 4. \$600,000. 5. Approximately \$530,000. 6. The Government of Ontario pays to the Government of the Dominion of Canada £30,000 *per annum* for maintenance.

Mr. Davidson asked the following Question:—

1. Is L. E. Granger purchasing agent for supplies for the Guelph Prison Farm. If not, what position does he hold in the service of the Government.
2. When did the said L. E. Granger enter the service of the Government.
3. Where did the said L. E. Granger reside before he entered the service of the Government, and what was his occupation.

To which the Provincial Secretary replied as follows:—

1. No. The said L. E. Granger was employed to carry into effect the Standard Basic Dietary Ration Tables which were being introduced in the Public Institutions for the purpose of improving the methods of food control in kitchens and dining rooms and for the elimination of waste in foods.
2. On or about August 15th, 1914.
3. The said L. E. Granger, immediately before being employed by the Province, was employed as a salesman and for two years preceding his engagement with the Public Institutions Branch resided most of his time in Canada.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the Municipality of Shuniah.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 3), To amend the Act to incorporate the Ursuline Academy of Chatham.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 9), Respecting the City of Galt.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 10), To confirm Certain By-laws and an Agreement between the Townships of Yarmouth and Malahide.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 16), To confirm By-law No. 819 of the City of Sarnia.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the amalgamation of the School of Mining and Agriculture with Queen's University at Kingston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 50), To authorize the Corporation of the City of Guelph to levy an assessment during the present year for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1916, the following sums:—

99.	To defray the expenses of Legislation.....	\$9,709 04
100.	To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice, Supreme Court	6,456 98
101.	To defray the expenses of the Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice.....	13,728 84
102.	To defray the expenses of the District of Algoma.....	752 56
103.	To defray the expenses of the District of Thunder Bay..	83 33
104.	To defray the expenses of the District of Nipissing.....	8 33
105.	To defray the expenses of the District of Muskoka.....	275 00
106.	To defray the expenses of the District of Parry Sound...	23 75
107.	To defray the expenses of the District of Manitoulin....	101 49
108.	To defray the expenses of the District of Rainy River..	1,792 00
109.	To defray the expenses of the Public and Separate School Education.....	42,322 42
110.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto.....	4,074 53
111.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa.....	4,422 35
112.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London...	2,914 73

113.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton.	5,339 90
114.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford.	4,462 08
115.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay.	2,181 00
116.	To defray the expenses of the High School and Collegiate Institutes.....	1,719 97
117.	To defray the expenses of the Departmental Library and Museum.....	\$280 50
118.	To defray the expenses of the Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies..	950 00
119.	To defray the expenses of the Technical Education.....	26,349 44
120.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial University, Min- ing Schools, etc.....	58,360 57
121.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville.....	7,202 97
122.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford.....	2,165 05
123.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous Education..	6,522 09
124.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Brockville.....	2,150 00
125.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Hamilton.....	4,555 88
126.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Kingston.....	300 00
127.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, London	2,000 00
128.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Mimico	100 00
129.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia.....	7,850 00
130.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene.....	600 00

131.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Toronto	1,900 00
132.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock.....	1,000 00
133.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph.....	429 99
134.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Reformatory In- dustries, Guelph	\$30,156 05
135.	To defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reforma- tory, Toronto.....	3,100 00
136.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous Public Institutions.....	4,543 04
137.	To defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticul- tural Societies.....	18,894 66
138.	To defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch.....	1,502 53
139.	To defray the expenses of the Institutes.....	259 54
140.	To defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch.....	712 70
141.	To defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch.....	1,368 12
142.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College.	164 70
143.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous Agriculture.	5,766 70
144.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College	3,000 00
145.	To defray the expenses of the Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department.....	500 00
146.	To defray the expenses of the Field Experiments.....	500 00
147.	To defray the expenses of the Poultry Department.....	500 00
148.	To defray the expenses of the Colonization and Immigra- tion.....	1,601 45
149.	To defray the expenses of the Hospitals and Charities..	57,256 51

150.	To defray the expenses of the Maintenance and Repairs, Government House.....	19,348 22
151.	To defray the expenses of the Parliament and Depart- mental Buildings.....	11,150 67
152.	To defray the expenses of the Osgoode Hall.....	219 88
153.	To defray the expenses of the Government House.....	72,918 83
154.	To defray the expenses of the Parliament Buildings....	\$17,035 00
155.	To defray the expenses of the Osgoode Hall.....	1,699 64
156.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Brockville.....	20,641 29
157.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Cobourg.....	3,300 00
158.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Hamilton.....	17,481 90
159.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Kingston.....	23,539 72
160.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, London.....	19,084 95
161.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Mimico.....	14,000 00
162.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia.....	55,116 76
163.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Penetanguishene.....	14,561 00
164.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for the Insane, Toronto.....	10,181 84
165.	To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock.....	9,273 71
166.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph.....	26,828 82

167.	To defray the expenses of the Mercer Reformatory, Toronto.....	2,750 00
168.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto.....	2,179 30
169.	To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa.....	51,474 43
170.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London..	663 23
171.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton.	\$805 50
172.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Peter- borough.....	931 87
173.	To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford.	1,900 00
174.	To defray the expenses of the Training School, Sand- wich.....	368 33
175.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for Deaf, Belleville.....	4,809 58
176.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for Blind, Brantford.....	8,850 00

And the Committee having continued to sit until Twelve of the Clock, midnight.

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The Committee continued to sit, and the following further items of Supply for services were granted to His Majesty:—

177.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College.....	\$9,976 20
178.	To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College	135 08
179.	To defray the expenses of the Horticultural Experi- mental Station, Jordan Harbour.....	79 09
180.	To defray the expenses of the Immigration Office, Toronto.....	350 00
181.	To defray the expenses of the Parry Sound District....	867 45
182.	To defray the expenses of the Manitoulin District.....	250 00

183.	To defray the expenses of the Sudbury District.....	32,531 48
184.	To defray the expenses of the Algoma District.....	50,262 45
185.	To defray the expenses of the Rainy River District.....	808 21
186.	To defray the expenses of the Thunder Bay District...	\$42,431 68
187.	To defray the expenses of the Kenora District.....	564 99
188.	To defray the expenses of the Temiskaming District....	2,291 42
189.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous Public Buildings.....	1,000 00
190.	To defray the expenses of the Game and Fisheries.....	14,917 43
191.	To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Depart- ment, Miscellaneous.....	26,221 50
192.	To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, Miscellaneous.....	37,403 41
193.	To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous.....	23,180 20
194.	To defray the expenses of the Outside Service and Surveys.....	8,098 63
195.	To defray the expenses of the Mines and Mining.....	14,334 86
196.	To defray the expenses of the Parks.....	5,307 50
198.	To defray the expenses of the Refund Account.....	2,242 96
199.	To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous.....	28,824 61

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McKeown reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-day.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-day.

The House then adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

Friday, March 17th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Davidson, the Petition of the Township Council of Onondaga.

By Mr. Gillespie, the Petition of the Township Council of Smith.

By Mr. Bowman, the Petition of the Township Council of Huron.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of K. C. Nelles and others; also, of A. C. Walker and others, all of York, severally praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Town of Kingsdale.

Of the City Council of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to amend sec. 9 of chap. 98, 4 Geo. V, so as to provide that the money authorized to be raised under said section may be used for the purpose of land for boulevard and other purposes.

Of the Township Council of Cardiff; also, of the Village Council of Jarvis; also, of the Village Council of Bradford; also, of the Town Council of Oshawa; also, of the Town Council of Cache Bay; also, of the Township Council of Bonfield, severally praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. Hartt from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient:—

Of the Town Council of Sudbury, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws.

Of the City Council of St. Catharines, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of debentures *re* High Level Bridge.

Of the City Council of Peterborough, praying that an Act may pass to authorize a grant by by-law of an assessment fixed at \$20,000 to J. J. Turner & Sons; also to Campbell Flour Mills, Limited.

Of the City Council of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to pass by-laws for borrowing certain moneys on debentures.

Of the City Council of Kingston, praying that an Act may pass to repeal cap. 75, 6 Edw. VII, respecting Aldermanic term of office.

Of the Township Council of London, praying that an Act may pass empowering the Corporation to assess and impose taxes upon certain lands.

Of St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to amend their Act of incorporation.

Of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass increasing the amount for which debentures were authorized to be issued under 62 Vic., cap. 3, from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Of the Township Council of York, praying that an Act may pass giving the Corporation power to sink pipes for the supply of water and to charge the cost upon the owners of the lands benefited.

Of J. J. Ashworth, and others, of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Long Branch.

Of the Village Council of New Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm By-law No. 94 respecting an Agreement with the Good-year Tire and Rubber Company.

Of the Town Council of Ingersoll, praying that an Act may pass declaring that the provisions of the Will of Daniel Welcome Carroll respecting Carroll Park are legal and binding.

Of the City Council of London, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the issue of certain By-laws.

Your Committee recommended that Rule No. 51 of your Honourable House be further suspended in this, that the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Twenty-fourth day of March, instant.

Ordered. That the time for introducing Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday, the Twenty-fourth day of March, instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 17), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of London."
Mr. McFarlan.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 19), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Kingston."
Mr. Rankin.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 20), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Ingersoll."
Mr. Sinclair.

Referred to the Commissioners of Estate Bills.

Bill (No. 23), intituled "An Act respecting the City of London." Sir
A. Beck.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 35), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury."
Mr. McCrea.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 37), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of New Toronto."
Mr. Godfrey.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 38), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of York."
Mr. Henry.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 39), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Long
Branch." Mr. Godfrey.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 40), intituled "An Act to further amend the Act incorporating
St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa." Mr. Hurdman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 42), intituled "An Act respecting the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto." Mr. McPherson.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 54), intituled "An Act respecting the City of St. Catharines." Mr. Jessop.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 55), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Ottawa." Mr. Pinard.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 57), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Peterborough." Mr. Gillespie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 82), intituled "An Act to amend the Loan and Trusts Corporations Act." Mr. Owens.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 83), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Insurance Act." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 84), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to Authorize and Confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes." Mr. Donovan.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 85), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Arbitrations Act." Mr. Hurdman.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 86), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Libraries Act." Mr. Sinclair.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 87), intituled "An Act to amend the Trustee Act." Mr. Owens.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the Municipality of Shuniah.

Bill (No. 3), To amend the Act to incorporate the Ursuline Academy of Chatham.

Bill (No. 9), Respecting the City of Galt.

Bill (No. 10), To Confirm Certain By-laws and an Agreement between the Townships of Yarmouth and Malahide.

Bill (No. 16), To Confirm By-law No. 819 of the City of Sarnia.

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the Amalgamation of the School of Mining and Agriculture with Queen's University at Kingston.

Bill (No. 50), To authorize the Corporation of the City of Guelph to levy an assessment during the present year for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 63), To extend the Legislative Franchise to Women, having been read,

Mr. McDonald moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1916, the following sum:—

197. To defray the expenses of the Nickel Commission..... \$50,000 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McCrea reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Detailed Report of the Superintendent of Insurance Transactions for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 10.*)

Also—Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies' Transactions for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 11.*)

Also—Loan Corporations' Statements, being Financial Statements made by Building Societies, Loan Companies, Loaning, Land and Trust Companies for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 12.*)

Also—Report of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 3.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 13th March, 1916, for a Return shewing—1. The names and addresses respectively of the persons who attended the short course of Instructions for Judges at Fall Fairs given at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph in June, 1915. 2. The names and addresses respectively of the persons who attended the Course of Instruction for Judges at Fall Fairs at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in 1915. 3. The names and addresses of the persons who were appointed by the Government as Judges at Fall Fairs in 1915, and what departments or classes did each judge respectively. (*Sessional Papers, No. 69.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.25 p.m.

Monday, March 20th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Commissioners of Estate Bills, their Report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the Town of Ingersoll.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

In the matter of the Bill respecting the Town of Ingersoll, No. 20.

We, the undersigned, two Commissioners of Estate Bills, pursuant to the request of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, dated 17th March, 1916, respectfully report as follows:—

1. The undersigned have had under consideration the Bill in question, intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Ingersoll," and we are of opinion that, presuming the allegations contained in the preamble to be proved to the satisfaction of the House, it is reasonable that said Bill do pass into law.

2. The provisions thereof are, in our opinion, proper for carrying its purposes into effect.

3. The only alteration which we suggest is in the fourth paragraph to read, "The Dr. Carroll" instead of "Dr. Carroll's" to conform with paragraph ten of the Petition (last line).

We are, your obedient servants,

GLENHOLME FALCONBRIDGE, C.J.K.B.

WILLIAM RENWICK RIDDELL, J.S.C.O.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 20), Respecting the Town of Ingersoll, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Commissioners of Estate Bills thereon.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McGarry, the Petition of the Township Councils of Griffith and Matawatchan.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Town Council of Sudbury; also, of the Township Council of Hinchinbrook; also, of the Township Council of Onondaga; also, of the Township Council of Smith; also, of the Township Council of Huron, severally praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 88), intituled “An Act to amend the Division Courts Act.”
Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Parliament asked the following Question:—

1. Has the Government made any arrangements with the Dominion Government for placing or permitting the placing by the Dominion Government of pound nets in the Bay of Quinte from Belleville Bay Bridge to Bluff Point. 2. If so, between what dates in each year may such nets be used. 3. Does the use of such pound nets prevent fishermen who have licenses from using gill nets in said water during the period said pound nets may be used therein.

And the Minister of Public Works replied in the words following:—

1. Arrangements have been made with the Dominion Government for the operation by the latter of pound nets in the Bay of Quinte for the purpose of collecting eggs for the Thurlow Hatchery, but the location of the nets has not yet been decided upon. 2. The nets will be operated during the spawning season, which generally commences during the latter part of October and may continue to the end of November. 3. No.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 67), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 68), To amend the Ontario Voters' Lists Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 70), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 71), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 72), To amend the Statute Labour Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 74), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 77), To amend the Evidence Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 66), To amend the Local Improvement Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Donovan reported the following Resolutions from the Committee of Supply:—

98. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-seven thousand one hundred and ninety-five dollars and twelve cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand seven hundred and nine dollars and four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand four hundred and fifty-six dollars and ninety-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Supreme Court of Ontario for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirteen thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding seven hundred and fifty-two dollars and fifty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of District of Algoma for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-three dollars and thirty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of District of Thunder Bay for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight dollars and thirty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of District of Nipissing for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of District of Muskoka for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three dollars and seventy-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of District of Parry Sound for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and one dollars and forty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of District of Manitoulin for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand seven hundred and ninety-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of District of Rainy River for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-two thousand three hundred and twenty-two dollars and forty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand and seventy-four dollars and fifty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred and twenty-two dollars and thirty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray

the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand nine hundred and fourteen dollars and seventy-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand three hundred and thirty-nine dollars and ninety cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand four hundred and sixty-two dollars and eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, North Bay, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand seven hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and eighty dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Departmental Library and Museum for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand three hundred and forty-nine dollars and forty-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Technical Education for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-eight thousand three hundred and sixty dollars and fifty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial University. Mining Schools, etc., for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand two hundred and two dollars and ninety-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars and five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand five hundred and twenty-two dollars and nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Education for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred and fifty-five dollars and eighty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and twenty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand one hundred and fifty-six dollars and five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Reformatory Industries, Guelph, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Andrew Mercer Reformatory, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand five hundred and forty-three dollars and four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Public Institutions for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand eight hundred and ninety-four dollars and sixty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred and two dollars and fifty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Live Stock Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seven hundred and twelve dollars and seventy cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Dairy Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand three hundred and sixty-eight dollars and twelve cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Fruit Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-four dollars and seventy cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Veterinary College for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand seven hundred and sixty-six dollars and seventy cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Agricultural College for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Field Experiments for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Poultry Department for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand six hundred and one dollars and forty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand three hundred and forty-eight dollars and twenty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eleven thousand one hundred and fifty dollars and sixty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and nineteen dollars and eighty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-two thousand nine hundred and eighteen dollars and eighty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand six hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand six hundred and forty-one dollars and twenty-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Cobourg, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand four hundred and eighty-one dollars and ninety cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nineteen thousand and eighty-four dollars and ninety-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for the Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-five thousand one hundred and sixteen dollars and seventy-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand five hundred and sixty-one dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars and eighty-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand two hundred and seventy-three dollars and seventy-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars and eighty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mercer Reformatory, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand one hundred and seventy-nine dollars and thirty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-one thousand four hundred and seventy-four dollars and forty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six hundred and sixty-three dollars and twenty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and five dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Peterborough, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and sixty-eight dollars and thirty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Training School, Sandwich, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand eight hundred and nine dollars and fifty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario School for Deaf, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand nine hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Agricultural College for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-five dollars and eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Veterinary College for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-nine dollars and nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Horticultural Experimental Station, Jordan Harbour, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Immigration Office, Front Street, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and sixty-seven dollars and forty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parry Sound District for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Manitoulin District for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-two thousand five hundred and thirty-one dollars and forty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sudbury District for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand two hundred and sixty-two dollars and forty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Algoma District for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight hundred and eight dollars and twenty-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Rainy River District for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-two thousand four hundred and thirty-one dollars and sixty-eight cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Thunder Bay District for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and sixty-four dollars and ninety-nine cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Kenora District for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand two hundred and ninety-one dollars and forty-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Temiskaming District for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Public Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand nine hundred and seventeen dollars and forty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand two hundred and twenty-one dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Attorney-General's Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-seven thousand four hundred and three dollars and forty-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Treasury Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand one hundred and eighty dollars and twenty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand and ninety-eight dollars and sixty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Outside Service and Surveys for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fourteen thousand three hundred and thirty-four dollars and eighty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to

defray the expenses of Mines and Mining for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand three hundred and seven dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parks for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Nickel Commission for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand two hundred and forty-two dollars and ninety-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refund Account for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand eight hundred and twenty-four dollars and sixty-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

The several Resolutions having been read the second time,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the One hundred and fifty-third and the One hundred and ninety-seventh Resolutions be postponed until To-morrow.

The remaining Resolutions were concurred in.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 60), To establish the Trades and Labour Branch, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House:—

Return to an Order of the House of the 6th March, 1916, for a Return shewing how much of the sum received by the Government on account of the War Tax, 1915, has been expended and for what purposes has the money been expended and the amount of the expenditure for such purposes respectively. (*Sessional Papers, No. 70.*)

The House then adjourned at 4.50 p.m.

Tuesday, March 21st, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 6), Respecting the Village of Grimsby.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To The Honourable, The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (a) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 6, 1916), intituled "An Act respecting the Village of Grimsby," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by your Honourable House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.

Dated at Toronto, this twenty-first day of March, A.D. 1916.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 6), Respecting the Village of Grimsby, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Sir Adam Beck, the Petition of the City Council of London.

By Mr. Hall (Waterloo), the Petition of the City Council of Galt; also, the Petition of the County Council of Waterloo; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Waterloo.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 4), An Act to incorporate the Village of Thornloe.

Bill (No. 32), An Act respecting the Town of Midland.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 8), An Act vesting certain lands in the Trustees of The Presbyterian Church, Almonte.

Bill (No. 21), An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Midland Land Company.

Bill (No. 45), An Act relating to the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 8), An Act vesting certain lands in the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, Almonte, on the ground that it is one relating to a religious institution.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 8), Presbyterian Church, Almonte.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 89), intituled "An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles Act."
Mr. McDonald.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow. .

Bill (No. 90), intituled "An Act for the compilation of a Provincial Register." Mr. Godfrey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 91), intituled "An Act to amend the Snow Fences Act."
Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 92), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Railway Act."
Sir Adam Beck.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 93), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Sir Adam Beck.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 94), intituled, "An Act to amend the Ontario Voters' Lists Act." Sir Adam Beck,

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 95), intituled "An Act to amend the Power Commission Act." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 61), To amend the Natural Gas and Oil Wells Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 62), Respecting the Greater Winnipeg Water District, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 64), To amend the Public Health Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 69), To amend the Fire Marshals Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 80), To amend the Steam Boiler Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 81), Respecting Juvenile Courts.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 73), To amend the Assessment Act, having been read,

Mr. Ducharme moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply, on yesterday, the consideration whereof had been postponed.

The One hundred and fifty-third Resolution respecting the expenses of Government House, having been again read,

Mr. McGarry moved,

That the Resolution be now concurred in.

Mr. Bowman moved, in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Munro,

That the Resolution be not now concurred in; but that this House place on record its disapproval of the excessive and wasteful expenditure already made on the new Government House and of the heavy charge which will be made on the revenues of the Province for its maintenance; and that this House is further

of the opinion that such an expenditure for building and furnishing is out of keeping with the democratic sentiment of the people of this Province.

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following Division:

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Atkinson	Gillespie	McDonald	Proudfoot
Bowman	Grieve	Marshall	Racine
Carter	Ham	Munro	Richardson
Ducharme	Hurdman	Parliament	Rowell
Elliott	Lowe	Pinard	Wigle—20

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Beck	Edgar	Hoyle	Musgrove (N. Falls)
Bennewies	Eilber	Jaques	Owens
Black	Ferguson (Simcoe)	Lucas	Preston (Durham)
Brower	Gamey	McCrea	Preston (Lanark)
Calder	Grant	McFarlan	Pyne
Carew	Hall (Lanark)	McGarry	Rankin
Cargill	Hall (Waterloo)	McKeown	Robb
Carscallen	Hanna	McPherson	Russell
Chambers	Hearst	Macdiarmid	Sinclair
Cook	Henry	Martyn	Studholme
Crawford	Hilliard	Mason	Sulman
Dargavel	Hook	Mathieu	Thompson—53 (Peterboro)
Devitt		Mills	
Donovan		Musgrove (Huron)	
Duff			

PAIRS.

None.

The Motion for Concurrence, having been then again submitted, was carried on the following Division:—

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Beck	Edgar	Hoyle	Musgrove
Bennewies	Eilber	Jaques	(N. Falls)
Black	Ferguson	Lucas	Owens
Brower	(Simcoe)	McCrea	Preston
Calder	Gamey	McFarlan	(Durham)
Carew	Grant	McGarry	Preston
Cargill	Hall	McKeown	(Lanark)
Carscallen	(Lanark)	McPherson	Pyne
Chambers	Hall	Macdiarmid	Rankin
Cook	(Waterloo)	Martyn	Robb
Crawford	Hanna	Mason	Russell
Dargavel	Hearst	Mathieu	Sinclair
Devitt	Henry	Mills	Studholme
Donovan	Hilliard	Musgrove	Sulman
Duff	Hook	(Huron)	Thompson—53
			(Peterboro)

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Messieurs:

Atkinson	Gillespie	McDonald	Proudfoot
Bowman	Grieve	Marshall	Racine
Carter	Ham	Munro	Richardson
Ducharme	Hurdman	Parliament	Rowell
Elliott	Lowe	Pinard	Wigle—20

PAIRS.

None.

The Resolution was then concurred in.

Mr. Grieve asked the following Question:—

1. What is the estimated cost of completing and furnishing Government House and paying all bills in connection therewith, distinguishing between building and furnishings.

And the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:—

House, \$28,182.34. Other buildings, \$7,904.00. Furnishings, \$20,531.51. Grounds, \$5,493.97.

Mr. Lowe asked the following Question:—

1. How many Agricultural High Schools have been established in the Province. 2. Where are such schools situated. 3. In how many High Schools has an Agricultural Course been established. 4. Where are such schools situated.

And the Minister of Education replied as follows:—

1 and 2. None. 3. In ten High Schools and in five Continuation Schools. 4. Clinton, Picton, Smith's Falls, Vankleek Hill, Arthur, Bowmanville, Oakville, Niagara Falls South, Winchester, Hagersville, Cannington, Drayton, Exeter, New Liskeard, Ridgeway.

Mr. McDonald asked the following Question:—

What amount has been paid Dr. Goggin by the Government for preparation of Text-books since the year 1904.

To which the Minister of Education replied as follows:—

Since his appointment in October, 1907, an annual salary of \$3,000.00.

On Motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing—1. Copies of all correspondence which passed between the Government, or any officer or official thereof, in reference to the granting of bail in the case of Rex vs. Friedman, heard at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. 2. Copies of all correspondence received by the Government from any source in reference to the granting, or refusal, of bail in said case.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House by Command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 6.*)

Also—Report of the Minister of Public Works of the Province for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

Also—Report of the Timiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission for the year ended October 31st, 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 47.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 24th March, 1915, for a Return shewing—1. What is the total number of employers of labour coming under Schedule 1 of The Workmen's Compensation Act, as reported to the Workmen's Compensation Board. 2. What is the total number of employees so reported. 3. What is the total amount of the assessment for the year 1915 for such employers. 4. How much has been received to date in respect of such assessment. 5. How much is on deposit to the credit of this fund to date. 6. Where and to whose credit are the moneys on deposit. (*Sessional Papers, No. 71.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 25th March, 1915, for a Return shewing—1. If the Workmen's Compensation Board levied its assessment upon employers upon the basis of current cost, or the capitalized value. 2. If not on the basis of current cost, what amount or percentage has been added to the assessment over and above current cost. 3. If the Workmen's Compensation Board established a Reserve Fund under section 92 of The Workmen's Compensation Act. 4. If so, what amount or percentage has been included in the sum assessed upon employers to provide this Reserve Fund. (*Sessional Papers, No. 72.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 24th March, 1915, for a Return shewing—1. What is the total number of employers of labour coming under Schedule 2 of The Workmen's Compensation Act, so far as ascertained by the Workmen's Compensation Board. 2. What is the total number of employees under section 2. 3. What is the total number of employers coming under section 3, so far as the Workmen's Compensation Board has been able to ascertain. 4. What is the total number of employees coming under section 3, so far as the Workmen's Compensation Board has been able to ascertain. (*Sessional Papers, No. 73.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22nd, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Morel, the Petition of the Township Council of Ferris.

By Mr. McDonald, the Petition of the Township Council of Eastnor.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Townships Council of Griffith and Matawatchan, praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. Hartt, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the following Petitions and find the Notices as published in each case sufficient.

Of the Town Council of Oshawa, praying that an Act may pass permitting the Town to withdraw from the Jurisdiction of the County of Ontario.

Of the Town Council of Walkerville, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the keeping open of the polls at any Municipal Election until seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Of the Town Council of Burlington, praying that an Act may pass to ratify an Assessment made in March, 1915, of certain annexed territory.

Of the Town Council of Sandwich, praying that an Act may pass authorizing the Corporation to acquire lands for factory purposes and to keep open the Polls at Municipal Election until seven p.m.

Of the Councils of Windsor, Walkerville, Ford and Ojibway, praying that an Act may pass to constitute with the assent of the Electors a Joint Utility Commission and to provide for the election of members thereof.

Of the Temporal Committee of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass to amend certain Acts relating to; to change name of Committee and to define powers.

Of the Town Council of Aurora, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws-re Public Works.

Of Charles R. Stevenson, and others, of Kent County, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Village of Erie Beach.

Of the City Council of Sault Ste. Marie, praying that an Act may pass to ratify and confirm certain By-laws to confirm assessment and Voters' Lists.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 15), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Village of Erie Beach." Mr. Sulman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 18), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Burlington." Mr. Irish.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 26), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich." Mr. Tolmie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 27), intituled "An Act respecting the Corporations of the City of Windsor and of the Towns of Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford City and Ojibway." Mr. Tolmie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 28), intituled "An Act respecting the Town of Walkerville." Mr. Tolmie.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 43), intituled "An Act to enable the Town of Oshawa to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the Council of the County of Ontario." Mr. Calder.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 47), intituled "An Act to confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Aurora." Mr. Lennox.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 49), intituled "An Act respecting St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa." Mr. Hurdman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 52), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie." Mr. McCrea.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 96), intituled "An Act allowing Municipalities to adopt Preferential Voting." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 97), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Russell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 98), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act." Mr. Morel.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 99), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Jaques.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Bill (No. 100), intituled "The Ontario Temperance Act." Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 4), To incorporate the Village of Thornloe.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Town of Midland.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Bill (No. 8), Vesting certain lands in the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, Almonte.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Bill (No. 21), To amend the Act incorporating the Midland Land Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Bill (No. 45), Relating to the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Bill (No. 76), To regulate the load of Vehicles operated on Highways.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 79), To amend The Highway Improvement Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 78), The Manhood Suffrage Registration Act, having been read,

Mr. Grieve moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

On Motion of Mr. Ham, seconded by Mr. Hurdman,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing—What were the dates and the amounts of the several payments made by the Province to aid Recruiting, and to whom were such payments made.

On Motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Kent),

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing—What were the dates and the amounts of the several payments made by the Government of Ontario in respect of the Ontario Military Hospital; and to whom were such payments respectively made.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 65). To extend the Municipal Franchise to Women, having been read,

Mr. Elliott moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And a Debate having ensued, it was ,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until Friday next.

Mr. Carter asked the following Question:—

1. Has T. Grimshaw, of Guelph, been in the employ of the Government of Ontario within the past twelve months. If so, for what purpose was he employed, and what compensation has been paid him. 2. Is the said T. Grimshaw now in the employ of the Ontario Government; and if so, for what purpose.

And the Provincial Secretary replied in the words following:—

1. Yes. The said Thomas Grimshaw was employed from September 17th to October 16th, 1915; from November 1st to November 27th, 1915, as Foreman in charge of the Mattress Factory temporarily operated by the Provincial Secretary's Department for the manufacture of mattresses for the Ontario Military Hospital and the Public Institutions of Ontario. He was also employed during the same periods as Foreman in charge of the packing of all goods manufactured by the Provincial Secretary's Department for overseas shipment. The said Thomas Grimshaw was paid \$35.00 *per* week. 2. Yes. Was re-engaged on February 1st, 1916, to take charge of packing of dressings, bandages and other goods being shipped to the Ontario Military Hospital by the Provincial Secretary's Department.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Three of the Clock in the afternoon of Friday next, the twenty-fourth day of March, instant.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Game and Fisheries Department for the year 1915.
(*Sessional Papers*, No. 14.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 21st March, 1916, for a Return shewing—1. Copies of all correspondence which passed between the Government, or any officer or official thereof, in reference to the granting of bail in the case of *Rex vs. Freidman*, heard at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. 2. Copies of all correspondence received by the Government from any source in reference to the granting, or refusal, of bail in said case. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 74.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 22nd March, 1916, for a Return shewing what were the dates and amounts of the several payments made by the Province to aid Recruiting, and to whom were such payments made. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 75.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 22nd March, 1916, for a Return shewing what were the dates and the amounts of the several payments made by the Government of Ontario in respect of the Ontario Military Hospital; and to whom were such payments respectively made. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 76.)

The House then adjourned at 6 p.m.

Friday, March 24th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Calder, two Petitions of the County Council of Ontario.

By Mr. Hilliard, the Petition of the Township Council of Winchester.

By Mr. Rankin, the Petition of Township Council of Bedford.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the City Council of London, praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Act respecting votes for Married Women and the use of Public Buildings as Polling Places.

Of the County Council of Waterloo, praying for certain amendments to the Public Health Act, regarding the appointment, dismissal or release of Public Health Officers.

Of the Township Council of Waterloo, praying for the better enforcement of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Of the City Council of Galt; also, of the County Council of Bruce; also, of the Township Council of Ferris, severally praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. Hartt, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Township Council of Osgoode, praying that an Act may pass to consolidate the floating debt and to authorize the borrowing of money and issue of debentures and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published for a period of five weeks in the "Ontario Gazette" and in a newspaper published in the City of Ottawa, being in the County in which the said Township is situate.

Your Committee are of the opinion that by publication as aforesaid all parties interested have had an opportunity of becoming aware of the proposed legislation and would therefore recommend that the Notices as published be held sufficient.

Mr. Hartt, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of A. C. Walker, and others, of York, praying that an Act may pass to incorporate the Town of Kingsdale, and find that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published for a period of six weeks in the "Ontario Gazette," and Your Committee have had a Declaration filed before them stating that a similar Notice has also been published in "The Toronto World" for a like period.

Your Committee find that the description of the territory to be included in the proposed incorporation, as set out in the Petition, varies somewhat from the description given in the Notice and they would recommend that the attention of the Private Bills Committee be directed to the discrepancy.

Mr. Hartt, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the Petition of the Corporation of the City of Toronto, praying that an Act may pass to amend sec. 9 of chap. 98, 4 Geo. V, so as to provide that the money authorized to be raised under the said section may be used for the purchase of lands for boulevard and drive purposes as well as for the objects set forth in the said section; also to compel the Toronto Railway Company to build, equip and operate two hundred additional cars on their system in the said City; and also to authorize the Corporation by By-law to fix the percentage of value at which buildings in the Municipality shall be assessed, and to increase or lower the *per centum* rate fixed by the Assessment Act for business assessment, and to increase or lower the amount of exemption on income as fixed by the said Act.

Your Committee have had a declaration fyled before them shewing that Notice of the proposed application to this Legislature in so far as the first clause of the Petition is concerned has been published weekly, for four successive weeks in the "Ontario Gazette" and in the "Mail and Empire" and that instructions have been given to continue the said publication for two weeks longer.

With reference to the last two clauses of the Petition Your Committee find that Notice of the proposed application first appeared in the issue of the "Ontario Gazette" on the 18th day of March inst., and in the issue of the "Mail and Empire" on the same date and a Declaration fyled before Your Committee states that instructions have been given to publish the said Notice weekly up to and including the 22nd day of April next. A further declaration fyled in connection with this matter states that the said Notice has also been published in the issues of "The Mail and Empire" on the 23rd and 24th days of March inst., and in the issues of "The Globe" and "The Toronto World" on the same dates, and Your Committee are credibly informed that the said Notice will continue to be published in said Newspapers daily for a period of ten days.

Your Committee are of opinion that by the publication as aforesaid all parties interested would have an opportunity of becoming aware of the proposed legislation and would therefore recommend that the Notice be held sufficient.

Mr. Hartt, from the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have had before them the Petition of Charles J. Martin, of the City of Ottawa, praying that an Act may pass permitting him to practise Dentistry subject only to such provision as to passing an examination as may be provided by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

Your Committee find that notice of the proposed application to this Legislature has been published for a period of four weeks in the "Ontario Gazette"

but that no evidence as to publication of said Notice in any local paper has been produced before them. They therefore recommend that the matter be not further proceeded with.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 24), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Osgoode in the County of Carleton." Mr. McElroy.

Referred to the Railway and Municipal Board.

Bill (No. 41), intituled "An Act to incorporate the Town of Kingsdale." Mr. Godfrey.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 59), intituled "An Act respecting the City of Toronto." Mr. Crawford.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills.

Bill (No. 101), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Schools Act." Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 102), intituled "An Act to facilitate the Executions of Trusts during the War." Mr. Hilliard.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 103), intituled "An Act to improve the quality of Dairy Products." Mr. Duff.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 104), intituled "An Act to amend the Audit Act." Mr. Bowman.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 105), intituled "The Amusements Tax Act." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 106), intituled "An Act to amend the Corporations Tax Act."
Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 107), intituled "An Act to amend the Succession Duty Act."
Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 108), intituled "An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Mr. Bowman asked the following Question:—

1. Was the loan raised by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council under the provisions of chap. 3, 5 Geo. V, known as The Provincial War Tax Act, paid off at maturity on the 1st February, 1916. 2. Was a new loan negotiated to provide the moneys for the payment of this loan; or was an extension or renewal of this loan secured. 3. If a new loan was negotiated, what was the amount thereof and the date of negotiation. 4. Under what Act of the Province was such new loan, if any, raised.

And the Provincial Treasurer replied in the words and figures following:

1. Yes. 2. No. The Province had more than sufficient money to pay off the loan at maturity. 3 and 4. About the time the former loan matured the Treasurer ascertained that it would cost nearly \$7,000.00 in exchange to have the money transferred to New York and to save this amount provided for funds in New York by borrowing under R.S.O. 1914, chap. 39, \$2,000,000.00.

On Motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Province of Ontario, or any member or official thereof, and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any member or official thereof, with reference to the purchase or supply of machine guns. 2. All correspondence between the Government of Canada or any member or official thereof, and Sir Herbert Ames or any member or official

of the Committee of The Canadian Patriotic Fund in reference to the contribution by the Government to the Fund, in lieu of the contribution for machine guns.

On Motion of Mr. Marshall, seconded by Mr. Pinard,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:—1. The names of the officials connected with the Ontario Reformatory or Guelph Prison Farm, giving their positions and salaries respectively.

On Motion of Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Simcoe),

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return giving the names of all persons employed in the Civil Service of the Province who have enlisted for overseas service with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces since the commencement of the War to date.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 65), To extend the Municipal Franchise to Women, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 82), To amend the Loan and Trusts Corporations Act.

Referred to the Légal Committee.

Bill (No. 87), To amend the Trustee Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 83), To amend the Ontario Insurance Act.

Réferred to a Select Committee to be hereafter named.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 75), To amend the Municipal Act having been read,

Mr. Ham moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report on the Feeble-Minded in Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 24.*)

Also—Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 49.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.40 p.m.

Monday, March 27th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Winchester, praying that no Bill to extend the charter of the Morrisburg and Ottawa Electric Railway may pass.

Of the County Council of Ontario, praying for certain amendments to the Public Health Act regarding the appointment, dismissal or release of Public Health Officers.

Of the County Council of Ontario, praying for certain amendments to the War Tax Act.

Of the Township Council of Bedford, praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 109), intituled “An Act to amend The Assessment Act.” Mr. Cargill.

Ordered, That the bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Ham asked the following Question:—

1. How many associations for accident prevention have been formed under section 101 of The Workmen's Compensation Act; and in what classes of industries have these associations been formed. 2. How many inspectors or experts for the purpose of accident prevention have been appointed by these associations. 3. Are all these experts paid by the Workmen's Compensation Board. If not, how many are so paid.

To which the Attorney-General replied in the words following:—

1. Sixteen associations for accident prevention have been formed under section 101 of The Workmen's Compensation Act. These associations have been formed in classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8a, 8b, 8c, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 26, 27, 29 and 38. 2. Fourteen inspectors have been appointed by these associations. The services of three of the inspectors are to be dispensed with in 1916, having been employed for only part of a year. 3. The salaries of all the inspectors are paid by the Workmen's Compensation Board out of the moneys collected from the employers in the class of industries for which the association is formed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 4), To incorporate the Village of Thornloe.

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Town of Midland.

Bill (No. 8), Vesting certain lands in the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, Almonte.

Bill (No. 21), To amend the Act incorporating the Midland Land Company.

Bill (No. 45), Relating to the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Musgrove (Huron), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, that the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid,

Ordered, That the Report of the Provincial Auditor for the fiscal year 1914-15, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 69), To amend The Fire Marshals Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Musgrove (Huron), reported That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 80), To amend The Steam Boiler Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Musgrove (Huron), reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 81), Respecting Juvenile Courts, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Musgrove (Huron), reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 88), To amend The Division Courts Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Mr. Irish moved, seconded by Mr. Musgrove (Niagara Falls),

That in the opinion of this House, any legislation for the curtailment or prohibition of the sale of liquors by any one of the present classes of licensees, should contain provision for the appointment of a Commission, consisting of not less than three Members, one of whom should be a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario and Chairman of the Commission, with full power to inquire into and report to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council as to the measure of financial loss sustained by licensees by reason of such curtailment or prohibition, and as to what compensation, if any, should be payable in respect of such loss, and to make such recommendations as to provision for such compensation as the Commission, after full inquiry, may deem just and expedient.

And a Debate having ensued the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

The House then adjourned at 4.55 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3.00 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Armstrong, the Petition of the Town Council of Bala.

Mr. Lucas from the Standing Committee on Private Bills presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendments:—

Bill (No. 5), An Act respecting the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased.

Bill (No. 6), An Act to confirm By-law No. 291 of the Village of Grimsby.

Bill (No. 17), An Act respecting the Township of London.

Bill (No. 22), An Act to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Charles Bagot Labatt as a Barrister.

Bill (No. 33), An Act respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

Bill (No. 51), An Act to amend the Act incorporating McMaster University.

Bill (No. 54), An Act respecting the City of St. Catharines.

Bill (No. 57), An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 23), An Act respecting the City of London.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 51), An Act to amend the Act incorporating McMaster University on the ground that it is one relating to an educational institution; and on Bill (No. 42), An Act respecting The Synod of the Diocese of Toronto on the ground that it is one relating to a religious institution.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 51), McMaster University, and on Bill (No. 42), Synod of Diocese of Toronto.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 110), intituled “An Act to amend the Assessment Act.” Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 111), intituled “An Act to amend the Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.” Mr. Mathieu.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 112), intituled “An Act to amend the Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.” Mr. McElroy.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 113), intituled "An Act to amend the Board of Education Act." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 114), intituled "An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 115), intituled "An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Act." Mr. Russell.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 116), intituled "An Act respecting Education for Industrial Purposes." Mr. Hook.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 117), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Schools Act." Mr. Owens.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 118), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to aid in the improvement of Public Highways." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 119), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 120), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Railway Act." Mr. Irish.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 121), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Railway Act." Mr. Irish.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 122), intituled "An Act to amend The Public Health Act." Mr. Gooderham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Rowell, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, it was

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the most thorough organization possible of our resources should be secured for the successful prosecution of the war and the maintenance of our agricultural and industrial production; that in addition to the action already taken by the Government, this House would approve of further action to this end, and that a Select Committee, composed of fourteen members be appointed to inquire into and report as to the further assistance which this Province can render in securing such organization of our resources, particularly in assisting in the work of recruiting men for the Canadian Expeditionary Force; ensuring a sufficient supply of labour for the agricultural interests and the necessary industrial operations of the Province; and in promoting thrift and economy among the people, thereby strengthening our financial position during the war and preparing for the period of reconstruction after the war, and that the Committee be composed as follows:—Messrs. Hearst, Duff, McGarry, Ferguson (Grenville), Rowell, Godfrey, McPherson, McCrae, Sinclair, Allan, Proudfoot, Bowman, Ducharme and Gillespie.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 90), For the compilation of a Provincial Register.

Referred to the same Select Committee to which was referred the foregoing Resolution *re* organization of the resources of the Province.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for the Second Reading of Bill (No. 65), To extend The Municipal Franchise to Women, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time, the Motion for the Second Reading, having been again submitted, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices, for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 7*).

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 29th March, 1915, for a Return shewing:—All correspondence received by the Government or any member or official thereof with reference to the appointment of present members to the Workmen's Compensation Board, or in support of the applications of the said members to be so appointed. (*Sessional Papers, No. 77*.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 1st April, 1915, for a Return shewing:—1. How many persons in the employ of the Province or the Government are now serving with the Canadian or Allies' armies. 2. What are the names of the persons so serving, and what salaries do they respectively receive from the Government. (*Sessional Papers, No. 78*.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 24th March, 1916, for a Return giving the names of all persons employed in the Civil Service of the Province who have enlisted for overseas service with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces since the commencement of the War to date. (*Sessional Papers, No. 79*.)

The House then adjourned at 6.20 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Regan, the Petition of the County Council of Wentworth.

By Mr. Hall (Waterloo), the Petition of the City Council of Galt; also, the Petition of the Township Council of North Dumfries.

By Mr. Carter, the Petition of the Township Council of Pilkington.

On Motion of Mr. Sulman, seconded by Mr. Torrance.

Ordered, That notwithstanding the time has expired for the presentation of Petitions for Private Bills, that leave be given to present a Petition respecting the Township of Raleigh and that the same be now read and received.

The following Petition was then read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Raleigh praying that an Act may pass authorizing a change and departure from the Engineer's specifications for the repair of the Raleigh Plains Drain under By-law No. 1180 and for the issue of Debentures.

On Motion of Mr. Sulman, seconded by Mr. Torrance.

Resolved, That notwithstanding the time for introducing Private Bills has expired, that leave be given to introduce a Bill respecting By-law No. 1206 (1916), of the Township of Raleigh, concerning the Raleigh Plains Drain and that the same be now read a first time and be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, without the formality of Report from the Committee on Standing Orders, or posting in the Lobby as required by the Rule in that case made and provided.

The following Bill was then introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 123), intituled "An Act respecting By-law No. 1206 (1916), of the Township of Raleigh concerning the Raleigh Plains Drain." Mr. Sulman.

Referred to the Committee on Private Bills without the formality of posting.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 124), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Act." Mr. Henry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 125), intituled "The Bulk Sales Act." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 126), intituled "An Act to amend the Marriage Act." Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Macdiarmid, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Resolved, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a certain proposed Resolution respecting the improvement of Public Highways.

Mr. Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, 1. That the sum of \$1,000,000 be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to aid in the improvement of public highways, the said sum to be an addition to any sum heretofore set aside for that purpose, and to be expended in accordance with the provisions of "*The Highway Improvement Act*," and "*The Ontario Highways Act*."

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, 1. That the sum of \$1,000,000 be set apart out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to aid in the improvement of public highways, the said sum to be an addition to any sum heretofore set aside for that purpose, and to be expended in accordance with the provisions of "*The Highway Improvement Act*," and "*The Ontario Highways Act*."

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 118), To amend the Act to aid in the improvement of Public Highways.

On the Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid,

Resolved, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Corporations Tax Act.

Mr. Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee).

Resolved, 1. That in lieu of the tax at present paid by loan companies under The Corporations Tax Act the tax to be paid by such Companies shall be as follows:—

- (a) A Company with fixed or permanent paid-up capital, one-twentieth of one *per cent.* on the paid-up capital thereof, and one-twentieth of one *per cent.* of all moneys invested in Ontario by such company, but in no case less than \$100;
- (b) A Company having terminating or withdrawable capital, as well as fixed or permanent capital, one-twentieth of one *per cent.* on such paid-up terminating or withdrawable capital after the first \$100,000 in addition to the amount payable under clause (a);
- (c) A Company having terminating or withdrawable capital, only, one-twentieth of one *per cent.* of such paid-up terminating or withdrawable capital after the first \$100,000, and one-twentieth of one *per cent.* of all moneys in excess of \$100,000 invested in Ontario by such company;
- (d) A Company receiving deposits or doing the business of a savings bank, in addition to the amount payable under clauses (a), (b) and (c) hereof, \$500 for the principal office in Ontario and \$25 for each additional office, branch or agency in Ontario.

2. That the tax on race tracks be increased from \$500 to \$1,250 *per day* and provided that the Treasurer may rebate the tax to any company by an amount equal to one *per cent.* of the sum or sums given yearly by such company in purses or stakes to the owners of horses bred in Canada and to horse owners resident in Canada.

3. That taxes imposed by the Corporations Tax Act remaining unpaid on the first of November shall bear interest at the rate of six *per cent. per annum* thereafter until paid.

4. That the provisions of the Act relating to the tax on transfers of shares shall apply in a case of transmission owing to death.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions,

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, 1. That in lieu of the tax at present paid by loan companies under the Corporations Tax Act the tax to be paid by such Companies shall be as follows:—

- (a) A Company with fixed or permanent paid-up capital, one-twentieth of one *per cent.* on the paid-up capital thereof, and one-twentieth of one *per cent.* of all moneys invested in Ontario by such company, but in no case less than \$100;
- (b) A Company having terminating or withdrawable capital, as well as fixed or permanent capital, one-twentieth of one *per cent.* on such paid-up terminating or withdrawable capital after the first \$100,000 in addition to the amount payable under clause (a);
- (c) A Company having terminating or withdrawable capital, only, one-twentieth of one *per cent.* of such paid-up terminating or withdrawable capital after the first \$100,000, and one-twentieth of one *per cent.* of all moneys in excess of \$100,000 invested in Ontario by such company;
- (d) A Company receiving deposits or doing the business of a savings bank, in addition to the amount payable under clauses (a), (b) and (c) hereof, \$500 for the principal office in Ontario and \$25 for each additional office, branch or agency in Ontario.

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3. That taxes imposed by the Corporations Tax Act remaining unpaid on the first of November shall bear interest at the rate of six *per cent. per annum* thereafter until paid.

4. That the provisions of the Act relating to the tax on transfers of shares shall apply in a case of transmission owing to death.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 106), To amend the Corporations Tax Act.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid,

Resolved, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Supplementary Revenue of Ontario.

Mr. Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, 1. That for the purpose of increasing the Supplementary Revenue of Ontario, every person attending a performance at a place of amusement, that is to say, a theatre, concert hall, music hall, moving picture hall, circus, race-course, baseball park, athletic park, amusement park, skating rink, or other place where an exhibition or entertainment is given or game played and an entrance fee is charged or collected through the sale of tickets or otherwise, shall, upon each admission thereto, pay to His Majesty for the use of Ontario, a tax of one cent to be collected by the individual, firm, company or corporation operating such place of amusement by means of tickets.

2. That the Treasurer of Ontario may allow any individual, firm, company or corporation, such commission upon the sale of tickets as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

3. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to make such regulations as may be deemed expedient for the purposes of collecting the said tax, and to increase the said tax, as to the patrons of any class or classes of places of amusement, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five cents on each admission, and to exclude from the said tax any class or classes of places of amusement.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved, 1. That for the purpose of increasing the Supplementary Revenue of Ontario, every person attending a performance at a place of amusement, that is to say, a theatre, concert hall, music hall, moving picture hall, circus, race-course, baseball park, athletic park, amusement park, skating rink, or other place where an exhibition or entertainment is given or game played and an entrance fee is charged or collected through the sale of tickets or otherwise, shall, upon each admission thereto, pay to His Majesty for the use of Ontario, a tax of one cent to be collected by the individual, firm, company or corporation operating such place of amusement by means of tickets.

2. That the Treasurer of Ontario may allow any individual, firm, company or corporation, such commission upon the sale of tickets as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

3. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to make such regulations as may be deemed expedient for the purposes of collecting the said tax, and to increase the said tax, as to the patrons of any class or classes of places of amusement, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five cents on each admission, and to exclude from the said tax any class or classes of places of amusement.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 105), "The Amusements Tax Act."

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 105), "The Amusements Tax Act."

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 106), To amend the Corporations Tax Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 103), To improve the quality of Dairy Products.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Colonization.

Bill (No. 108), To amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 85), To amend the Municipal Arbitrations Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 91), To amend the Snow Fences Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 97), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 99), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 6), To confirm By-law No. 291 of the Village of Grimsby.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Township of London.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 22), To authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Charles Bagot Labatt as a Barrister.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the City of St. Catharines.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 57), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 23), Respecting the City of London.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 89), To amend the Motor Vehicles Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 83), To amend the Ontario Insurance Act, be composed as follows:—Messrs. McPherson, McCrea, Jarvis, Carew, Sinclair, Elliott and Marshall.

The House then adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Thursday, March 30th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board, their reports in the following cases:—

Bill (No. 7), Respecting the Village of Eganville, and Bill (No. 24), Respecting the Township of Osgoode.

The Reports were then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To The Honourable, The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (a) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 7, 1916), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 589 of the Village of Eganville," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by Your Honourable House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.

Dated at Toronto, this twenty-ninth day of March, A.D. 1916.

To The Honourable, The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (a) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 24, 1916), intituled "An Act respecting the Township of Osgoode in the County of Carleton," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by Your Honourable House, as amended, and with the substitution of the Schedule hereto annexed for Schedule "B" as printed in the Bill, which amendment and substitution have been approved by the Solicitor for the Township of Osgoode.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.

Dated at Toronto, this thirtieth day of March, A.D. 1916.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 7), To confirm By-law No. 589 of the Village of Eganville, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills, with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 24), Respecting the Township of Osgoode, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Petition of the Town Council of Bala, praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. McPherson, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fourth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendments:—

Bill (No. 28), An Act respecting the Town of Walkerville.

Bill (No. 40), An Act to further amend the Act incorporating the St. Patrick's Asylum of Ottawa.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 19), An Act respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 26), An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Bill (No. 35), An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 37), An Act respecting the Village of New Toronto.

Bill (No. 58), An Act respecting the Town of Bowmanville.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 40), To further amend the Act incorporating the St. Patrick's Asylum of Ottawa, on the ground that it is one relating to a Charitable Institution. On Bill (No. 39), To incorporate the Village of Long Branch, the same having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof, and on Bill (No. 29), To authorize Charles Joseph Martin to practise Dentistry, the Petition for same having been reported adversely by the Standing Orders Committee.

Your Committee recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of Your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports of Committee on Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Friday the 7th day of April next.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 40), St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa; Bill (No. 39), Long Branch, and on Bill (No. 29), Charles J. Martin.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of the Committee on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Friday the seventh day of April next.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 127), intituled "An Act to amend The Railway Act."
Mr. Gooderham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 128), intituled "An Act to amend The Highway Travel Act." Mr. Gooderham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 129), intituled "An Act to amend The Motor Vehicles Act." Mr. Gooderham.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 130), intituled "An Act to amend The Municipal Drainage Act." Mr. Sulman.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Davidson asked the following Question:—

1. Has the attention of the Government been called to a news despatch appearing in the Toronto "World" of March 23, dated Ottawa, March 22nd, in reference to a memorandum said to have been sent to the members of the Canadian Senate, signed by Mr. P. A. O'Farrell, and containing the following clause:—

"The Government of Ontario is a Government inspired and controlled by Standard Oil. The Provincial Secretary for Ontario is the pliant and potent servant of Standard Oil. From that concern he receives a munificent income, and its interests are his interests, its power his power, its aims his aims, and he has untold millions at his disposal to see that the Parliament at Toronto and the Dominion Parliament at Ottawa are subservient to the views and wishes of the great Standard Oil Corporation. Your Government ought not to be ignorant of the relations between the Ontario Government and the Ontario Government Railways and the Standard Oil Company. Nominally Hon. W. J. Hanna, J. L. Englehart and Mr. Wallace Nesbitt are Trustees for the Imperial Oil Company, but the Imperial Oil Company is a mere selling agency for Standard Oil. It is a wheel within a wheel of the great Standard Oil juggernaut, and the sole business of Imperial Oil is to hide the activities and the profits and the machinations of the great oil trust in its nefarious designs against Canada and the Canadian people."

2. If so, what action (if any) does the Government intend to take with reference to the matter. 3. Is the Government aware of the interest which

the Standard Oil Interests have in the International Nickel Company and the Canada Copper Company. If so, what is the interest.

And the Prime Minister replied in the words following:—

1. The Government has seen the despatch referred to. 2. None. No action is called for with reference to a statement that is untruthful on its face. 3. The Standard Oil Company has no interest in the International Nickel Company or the Canadian Copper Company, so far as the Government is aware of.

On Motion of Mr. Ducharme, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Government of Ontario and any member or official thereof and the Government of the Dominion of Canada, or any member or official thereof, with reference to the Report of the Dominion Government Commission on Technical Education, and as to any action to be taken upon the basis of the said Report, or otherwise, in connection with Technical Education.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Ham,

That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:—1. All correspondence between the Government of Ontario, or any member or official thereof, and the Canada Copper Company or the International Nickel Company, or any officer or official of either of the said Companies, in reference to the tax to be paid to the Province of Ontario in respect of the profits made on the nickel mining operations carried on within the Province of Ontario by or on behalf of the said Companies, or either of them.

And a Debate having arisen, it was

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Ganev be added to the Select Committee on Bill (No. 83), To amend The Ontario Insurance Act.

The House then adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

Friday, March 31st, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed the House:—That the Clerk had received from the Railway and Municipal Board their report in the following case:—

Bill (No. 13), To confirm By-law No. 72 of the Township of Chapleau.

The Report was then read by the Clerk at the Table, as follows:—

To The Honourable, The Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario.

Upon the reference, under Rule 61 (a) of Your Honourable House to The Ontario Railway and Municipal Board of Bill (No. 13, 1916), intituled "An Act to confirm By-law No. 72 of the Township of Chapleau," the Board begs leave respectfully to report that in the judgment of the Board it is reasonable that the said Bill should be passed by Your Honourable House.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. M. McINTYRE,
Chairman.

Dated at Toronto, this thirtieth day of March, A.D. 1916.

Ordered, That Bill (No. 13), To confirm By-law No. 72 of the Township of Chapleau, be referred to the Standing Committee on Private Bills with instructions to consider the same with reference to the suggestions of the Railway and Municipal Board thereon.

The following Petitions were read and received:—

Of the City Council of Galt, praying that an Act may pass to provide for reciprocity with the United States in regard to the exchange of Automobile Licenses.

Of the Township Council of North Dumfries, praying for the better enforcement of the Motor Vehicles Act.

Of the Township Council of Pilkington; also, the Petition of the County Council of Wentworth, severally praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 131), intituled “An Act to amend the Statute Law.” Mr. McCrea.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 132), intituled “An Act to amend the Municipal Act.” Mr. Musgrove (Niagara Falls.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 133), intituled “An Act to amend the Law Society Act.” Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 134), intituled “An Act to amend the University Act.” Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 135), intituled “An Act to amend the Mortgagors’ and Purchasers’ Relief Act.” Mr. Machin.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 136), intituled “The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916.” Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 137), intituled “The Soldiers’ Aid Commission Act.” Mr. Hearst.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Mr. Richardson asked the following Question:—

1. What are the duties of the members of the T. & N. O. Railway Commission respectively; and what is the total salary received by each Commissioner. 2. How many private cars has the T. & N. O. Railway for the use of members of the Commission and officials.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied in the words and figures following:—

1. See Chapter 38, R.S.O. 1914, and Sections 5 and 6, Chapter 20, 5 George V. J. L. Englehart, Chairman, duties Executive, honorarium \$7,500 *per annum*; Dennis Murphy, Commissioner, duties Advisory, honorarium \$1,000 *per annum*; George W. Lee, Commissioner, duties Advisory, honorarium \$1,000 *per annum*; General Agent, Salary \$2,500.00 *per annum*. 2. Two cars for the use of members of the Commission and Officials.

Mr. Bowman asked the following Question:—

1. Was the \$2,000,000 borrowed on or about the 1st day of February, 1916, under "The Power Commission Act," being R.S.O. 1914, chapter 39, borrowed for the purposes of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. 2. If so, has the whole amount or any part thereof been paid over to the Commission; and if so, how much.

And the Provincial Treasurer replied as follows:—

1. Yes. 2. Yes, it was advanced to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission out of Consolidated Revenue Fund before borrowed under R.S.O. 1914, Chapter 39.

The Order of the Day for resuming the Adjourned Debate on the Motion for a Return of copies of correspondence *in re* the Canada Copper Company, having been read,

The Debate was resumed, and after some time the Motion having been again put, was carried, and it was

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:—1. All correspondence between the Government of Ontario, or any member or official thereof, and the Canada Copper Company or the International Nickel Company, or any officer or official of either of the said Companies, in reference to the tax to be paid to the Province of Ontario in respect of the profits made on the nickel mining operations carried on within the Province of Ontario by or on behalf of the said Companies, or either of them.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased.

Bill (No. 6), To confirm By-law No. 291 of the Village of Grimsby.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Township of London.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the City of St. Catharines.

Bill (No. 57), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 86), To amend The Public Libraries Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 98), To amend The Public Utilities Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 51), To amend the Act incorporating McMaster University.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the Town of Walkerville.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 40), To further amend the Act incorporating St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 19), Respecting the City of Kingston.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 35), Respecting the Town of Sudbury.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Village of New Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the Town of Bowmanville.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Irish be added to the Select Committee on Bill (No. 83), To amend the Ontario Insurance Act.

The House then adjourned at 5.35 p.m.

Monday, April 3rd, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Tolmie, the Petition of the City Council of Windsor.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 51), To amend the Act incorporating McMaster University.

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the Town of Walkerville.

Bill (No. 40), To further amend the Act incorporating St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. Carter moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson,

That in the opinion of this House the production and sale of Nickel in this Province should be under Government control; and that negotiations should be at once entered into by the Government of this Province with the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of the United Kingdom to secure united action to acquire the absolute control of the Nickel Mines and Nickel Product of the Province of Ontario.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a Division.

And so it was declared in the Negative.

On Motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Bowman,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence or other papers and documents which passed between J. H.

Carrique, of the City of Toronto, or any other person or persons and the Attorney-General or any official of his Department or of any Department of the Government in connection with, or arising out of, a request made by the said J. H. Carrique to have Robert M. Catts and Edward C. Hill extradited from the United States of America on a charge that they had defrauded him out of the sum of \$5,000.

On Motion of Mr. Lang, seconded by Mr. Ferguson (Kent),

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:—1. The number of acres occupied by *bona fide* settlers on the lands purchased from the Government by Willis K. Jackson *et al.* under agreement bearing date the 14th day of June, 1912, particularizing the number of acres occupied each year since the date of the said agreement. 2. The number of settlers occupying such lands since the date of such agreement and the number respectively occupying same for each year since the date of said agreement and the number of acres occupied by each settler. 3. The number of settlers who have lived up to the requirements of The Free Grant and Homestead Act and the regulations thereunder, and the number in default. 4. The number of farms required to be cleared by the Minister under Clause 4 of said agreement, and the actual number of such farms cleared, the amount of work performed, and the number and kind of buildings erected in accordance with the request of said Minister. 5. The number and extent of roads, bridges and other improvements, designating the nature of such improvements, required by the Minister to be done under Clause 5 of said agreement and the number and extent of such roads, bridges and other improvements completed in accordance with such request. 6. The number of schools and school buildings erected under Clause 6 of said agreement, and whether same are established and erected to the satisfaction of the Minister, also the location of such schools, particularizing those which are not satisfactory to the Minister and the reason for such dissatisfaction. 7. The amount of work required to be performed under Clause 7 of said agreement that has actually been performed, particularizing the nature and cost of such work, and the date each work was commenced and completed. 8. The number of acres cut over by the purchaser under Clause 8 of said agreement, and whether same cleared in accordance with the terms of said clause and to the satisfaction of the Minister; and whether the terms of said clause as to leaving 20 acres of wood for each farm have been complied with, and the kind of wood so left. 9. Whether all the timber cut by the purchaser has been manufactured in the townships of Kendry and Haggart, and if not, the amount not so manufactured and the amount of timber disposed of outside of such townships, and to whom the same was sold. 10. The amount of timber that has been purchased from the settlers by the purchaser, and upon what terms were such purchases made; and how much and at what rate were the settlers paid for cutting and removing timber; and what was the rate charged to the settler for the use of the pur-

chaser's teams. 11. The number and date of sales that have been made by the purchaser to settlers and the terms of such sales and copies of all agreements between such settlers and purchasers and as to whether the same have been approved of by the Minister. 12. The number of patents issued to settlers under Clause 13 of said agreement. 13. The extent of the lands upon which patents have been issued to the purchaser under Clause 14 of said agreement, and the nature and cost of the buildings built on same for which such patents granted. 14. All correspondence between the Government or any officer or official thereof and the purchaser or any of them, or any officer or official of such purchaser, and between the Government or any officer or official thereof and any settlers, relating to the whole or any part of the subject matter of the said agreement.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 1), Respecting the Town of Ojibway.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 102), To facilitate the execution of Trusts during the War.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 109), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 110), To amend the Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 111), To amend the Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 112), To amend the Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 115), To amend the Noxious Weeds Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 116), Respecting Education for Industrial Purposes.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 84), To amend the Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House then adjourned at 11.05 p.m.

Tuesday, April 4th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 138), intituled "An Act to amend the Mechanics' and Wage-earners' Lien Act." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 139), intituled "An Act respecting the custody of certain Records." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 140), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Telephone Act." Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 141), intituled "An Act to amend the Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes." Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 142), intituled "An Act to amend the Provincial War Tax Act." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 143), intituled "An Act to amend the Wolf Bounty Act."
Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 144), intituled "An Act to amend the Tile Drainage Act."
Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 145), intituled "An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Aid Act." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 146), intituled "An Act to amend the Dogs Tax and Sheep Protection Act." Mr. Duff.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 147), intituled "An Act respecting the licensing of Provincial Auctioneers of Pure Bred Stock." Mr. Duff.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 148), intituled "An Act to amend the Mining Act of Ontario."
Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Hearst delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOHN S. HENDRIE.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits further Supplementary Estimates of certain sums required for the service of the Province for the year ending 31st October, 1916, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, April 4th, 1916.

(*Sessional Papers, No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 131), To amend the Statute Law.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 137), The Soldiers' Aid Commission Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 114), To amend the Motor Vehicles Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 100), The Ontario Temperance Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 107), To amend the Succession Duty Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 118), To amend the Act to aid in the improvement of Public Highways.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 119), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 126), To amend the Marriage Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 133), To amend the Law Society Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 81), Respecting Juvenile Courts, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow,

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 88), To amend the Division Courts Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 106), To amend the Corporations Tax Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Hanna,

Ordered, That the name of Mr. Hilliard be added to the Standing Committee on Legal Bills.

On Motion of Mr. Macdiarmid, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Ordered, That the names of Messrs. Gamey and Ducharme be added to the Standing Committee on Fish and Game.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Municipal Drainage Act.

Mr. Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved—1. That the amount for which municipalities may issue debentures under The Municipal Drainage Act be increased from \$30,000 to \$60,000, and that the amount of such debentures which may be purchased by the Province of Ontario under The Municipal Drainage Aid Act be increased from \$200,000 to \$400,000. 2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize investment of any surplus of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the purchase of debentures pursuant to The Municipal Drainage Aid Act be increased from \$350,000 to \$500,000.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Eilber reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved—1. That the amount for which municipalities may issue debentures under The Municipal Drainage Act be increased from \$30,000 to \$60,000, and that the amount of such debentures which may be purchased by the Province of Ontario under The Municipal Drainage Aid Act be increased from \$200,000 to \$400,000. 2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize investment of any surplus of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in the purchase of debentures pursuant to The Municipal Drainage Aid Act be increased from \$350,000 to \$500,000.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 145), To amend the Municipal Drainage Aid Act.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Tile Drainage Act.

Mr. Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved—1. That the amount for which towns, villages or townships may pass by-laws to issue debentures for the purpose of lending the proceeds thereof for tile, stone or timber drainage pursuant to the "Tile Drainage Act" be increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000. 2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the investment of any surplus of the Consolidated Revenue Fund not exceeding in the whole at any one time \$500,000 in the purchase of such debentures instead of \$200,000 as at present.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Eilber reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved—1. That the amount for which towns, villages or townships may pass by-laws to issue debentures for the purpose of lending the proceeds thereof for tile, stone or timber drainage pursuant to the "Tile Drainage Act" be increased from \$40,000 to \$50,000. 2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may authorize the investment of any surplus of the Consolidated Revenue Fund not exceeding in the whole at any one time \$500,000 in the purchase of such debentures instead of \$200,000 as at present.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 144), To amend the Tile Drainage Act.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Wolf Bounty Act.

Mr. Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved—1. That where a person has killed a wolf commonly known as a brush wolf and also known as a coyote and has produced the skin of such wolf

before the proper officer and made affidavit and otherwise complied with the provisions of the "Wolf Bounty Act" and the Regulations made thereunder he shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$5 from the treasurer of the county if such wolf has been killed in any county or within one mile of any actual settlement in a county, in which case the corporation of the county shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$2 out of such money as may from time to time be appropriated by the Legislature of Ontario for the payment of Wolf Bounty, and where such wolf has been killed elsewhere in Ontario the Treasurer of Ontario may pay such person the sum of \$5 out of such appropriation. 2. That section 2 of the "Wolf Bounty Act" is amended by striking out clause (c). 3. That section 4 is amended by striking out the figures "\$15" where they occur in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures "\$5" and by adding at the end thereof "and \$10 additional if such wolf is a grey timber wolf." 4. That section 5 is amended by striking out of the third and fourth lines the words "the sum of \$6 on every bounty of \$15" and by substituting in lieu thereof the words "40 per cent. of the sum." 5. That sub-section (3) of section 6 is amended by striking out the words "The sum of \$15" where they occur in the sixth line thereof and by adding at the end of said sub-section the words "The sum of \$5 and \$10 additional if such wolf is a grey timber wolf."

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Eilber reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved—1. That where a person has killed a wolf commonly known as a brush wolf and also known as a coyote and has produced the skin of such wolf before the proper officer and made affidavit and otherwise complied with the provisions of the "Wolf Bounty Act" and the Regulations made thereunder he shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$5 from the treasurer of the county if such wolf has been killed in any county or within one mile of any actual settlement in a county, in which case the corporation of the county shall be entitled to receive the sum of \$2 out of such money as may from time to time be appropriated by the Legislature of Ontario for the payment of Wolf Bounty, and where such wolf has been killed elsewhere in Ontario the Treasurer of Ontario may pay such person the sum of \$5 out of such appropriation. 2. That section 2 of the "Wolf Bounty Act" is amended by striking out clause (c). 3. That section 4 is amended by striking out the figures "\$15" where they occur in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the figures "\$5" and by adding at the end thereof "and \$10 additional if such wolf is a grey timber wolf." 4. That section 5 is amended by striking out of the third and fourth lines the words "the sum of \$6 on every bounty of \$15" and by substituting in lieu thereof the words "40 per cent. of the sum." 5. That sub-section (3)

of section 6 is amended by striking out the words "The sum of \$15" where they occur in the sixth line thereof and by adding at the end of said sub-section the words "The sum of \$5 and \$10 additional if such wolf is a grey timber wolf."

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 143), To amend the Wolf Bounty Act.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House:

A Return to an Order of the House of the 31st March, 1916, for a Return shewing:—1. All correspondence between the Government of Ontario, or any member or official thereof, and the Canada Copper Company or the International Nickel Company, or any officer or official of either of the said Companies, in reference to the tax to be paid to the Province of Ontario in respect of the profits made on the nickel mining operations carried on within the Province of Ontario by or on behalf of the said Companies, or either of them. (*Sessional Papers, No. 80.*)

The House then adjourned at 11.35 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. McGarry, the Petition of the Township Council of Radcliffe.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the City Council of Windsor, praying that an Act may pass to provide for reciprocity with the adjoining States of the United States in regard to the exchange of Automobile Licenses.

Mr. Gooderham from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 12), Respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company, and

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company.

Your Committee have also amended the Preambles to the said Bills so as to make the same conform with the facts as they were made to appear to your Committee.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Fifth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 15), An Act to incorporate the Village of Erie Beach.

Bill (No. 25), An Act respecting The Home, Lindsay.

Bill (No. 47), An Act to confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Aurora.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 49), An Act respecting St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 25), Respecting The Home, Lindsay, on the ground that it is one relating to a charitable institution. On Bill (No. 44), An Act to change the name of the City of Berlin, the same having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof, and on Bill (No. 49), An Act respecting St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa, on the ground that it is one relating to a Religious Institution.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 25), The Home, Lindsay, Bill (No. 44), City of Berlin, and Bill (No. 49), St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

Mr. Dargavel, from the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Committee have considered Bill (No. 103), To improve the quality of Dairy Products, to them referred, and report the same without amendment.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 149), intituled "An Act to amend the Ontario Highway Act."
Mr. Rankin.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Marshall asked the following Question:—

1. What municipal corporations have been authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council to enter into agreements with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario for the construction, equipment and operation of Electric Railways, to be operated by electrical power or energy supplied by the Commission under the provisions of Section 4 of The Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1914, other than those mentioned in The Hydro-Electric Railway Act, 1915. 2. If such authorization has been given, what agreements have been entered into pursuant to such authorization other than those referred to in said Act. 3. Do any of the agreements include the purchase of any existing Electric Railway or Street Railway, or any part thereof, as part of the line of railway to be constructed and operated by the Commission. If so, what agreements. 4. Have sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of said Act come into force by the proclamation of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council; and if so, when.

And the Attorney-General replied in the words following:—

1. None. 2. Answered by No. 1. 3. No. 4. Sections 1, 2 and 3 have been in force since the date of assent, namely, the 8th April, 1915. Sections 4, 5 and 6 have not been proclaimed.

Mr. Munro moved, seconded by Mr. Hurdman,

That in the opinion of this House the estimates for all expenditures on the T. & N. O. and Nipissing Central Railways, whether chargeable to capital or income, should be submitted to this House for consideration and approval in the same manner as estimates for the Intercolonial and other Government railways of Canada are submitted to the House of Commons; and that the practice of the Government making or authorizing these expenditures without submitting the same to the House should be discontinued.

And a Debate having arisen, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

Mr. Marshall moved, seconded by Mr. Parliament,

That in view of the condition of agriculture in this Province preceding the war and of the pressing problems which the war has created, this House is of the opinion that a great advance in the agricultural policy of the Government is one of the most urgent and vital needs of Ontario to-day, such policy to include:—(1) Making more available to rural communities the scientific and technical knowledge taught in our Agricultural College, by the establishment of agricultural schools and demonstration farms throughout the Province; (2) The inauguration of an effective system of rural credits; (3) The development of co-operative effort in buying and selling; (4) Financial assistance by way of loans at a low rate of interest, on the security of land and improvements, to assist desirable settlers in establishing themselves in the newer parts of the Province, and to enable farmers in the older parts of the Province to improve and increase the productivity of their lands.

Mr. Gamey moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Musgrove (Huron),

That all the words of the Motion, after the first word "That," be struck out and the following substituted therefor, "this House desires to congratulate the farmers of the Province on the splendid response made last year to the patriotic appeal for increased production and recognizes the good work done by the Ontario Department of Agriculture in this connection, as well as in the encouragement given in all branches of agricultural work; and this House further desires to express its confidence that the Government will, from time to time, adopt such measures as will make for the continued development of our agricultural resources on sound and progressive lines."

And the Amendment, having been put, was carried on a Division.

The Main Motion, as amended, having been then put was carried on a Division, and it was

Resolved, That this House desires to congratulate the farmers of the Province on the splendid response made last year to the patriotic appeal for increased production and recognizes the good work done by the Ontario Department of Agriculture in this connection as well as in the encouragement given in all branches of agricultural work; and this House further desires to express its confidence that the Government will, from time to time, adopt such measures as will make for the continued development of our agricultural resources on sound and progressive lines.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 114), To amend the Motor Vehicles Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 118), To amend the Act to Aid in the Improvement of Public Highways, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 119), To amend the Municipal Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 133), To amend the Law Society Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve of the clock mid-night,

Thursday, April 6th, 1916.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 126), To amend the Marriage Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 117), To amend the Public Schools Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 122), To amend the Public Health Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 124), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 128), To amend the Highway Travel Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 129), To amend the Motor Vehicles Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 130), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 132), To amend the Municipal Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 135), To amend the Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report on Highway Improvement in the Province for the year 1916.
(*Sessional Papers*, No. 15.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 22nd March, 1915, for a Return shewing:—1. Who is the Police Magistrate for the City of Windsor. 2. When was he appointed. 3. Whom did he succeed. 4. What salary does he receive from the City of Windsor. 5. How much from fees for convictions in County cases. 6. What amount in fees and costs in County cases has he collected from the 1st day of December, 1908, to the 1st day of January, 1915. 7. What amount for convictions in County cases has the Police Magistrate paid to the County Treasurer from the 1st December, 1908, to the 1st January, 1915. 8. What convictions has he reported to the Clerk of the Peace for Essex County from September 1st, 1914, to date. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 81.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 22nd March, 1915, for a Return shewing:—1. Who is the Police Magistrate for Amherstburg. 2. When was he appointed. 3. Whom did he succeed. 4. What convictions has he reported. 5. What amount of fees and fines has he collected during his term of office. 6. What disposition was made by him of these fees and fines. (*Sessional Papers, No. 82.*)

The House then adjourned at 12.30 a.m.

Thursday, April 6th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Lucas, from the Select Committee to which was referred the consideration and revision of the Rules of the House, presented their Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Select Committee appointed to revise the Rules of the House beg leave to present the annexed Rules for the consideration of the House and recommend that they be referred to a Committee of the Whole.

Ordered, That the Rules as reported by the Select Committee be referred to a Committee of the Whole for consideration.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 150), intituled “An Act to amend the Northern and North-Western Ontario Development Act.” Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 151), intituled “An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Act.” Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 152), intituled “An Act for raising money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.” Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Pyne, seconded by Mr. Hook,

Ordered, That Bill (No. 116), Respecting Education for Industrial Purposes, referred yesterday to the Municipal Committee, be transferred to the Legal Committee.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Regulations respecting moneys to be raised on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Mr. Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved—1. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money not exceeding four million dollars (\$4,000,000) for all or any of the purposes following, that is to say: for the public service, for works carried on by Commissioners on behalf of Ontario, for the covering of any debt of Ontario on open account; for paying any floating indebtedness of Ontario, and for the carrying on of the public works authorized by the Legislature, which sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years at a rate not exceeding six *per centum per annum*, and shall be raised upon the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, and shall be chargeable thereupon. 2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that any bonds or inscribed stock issued as security for such loan shall be free from any or all Provincial taxes, succession duties and impositions whatsoever. 3. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to such loan, and such sinking fund may be at a greater rate than the one-half of one *per centum per annum* on the amount of such debentures or stock as specified in subsection 2 of section 4 of The Provincial Loans Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved—1. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be authorized to raise by way of loan a sum of money not exceeding four million dollars

(\$4,000,000) for all or any of the purposes following, that is to say: for the public service, for works carried on by Commissioners on behalf of Ontario, for the covering of any debt of Ontario on open account, for paying any floating indebtedness of Ontario, and for the carrying on of the public works authorized by the Legislature, which sum of money may be borrowed for any term or terms not exceeding forty years at a rate not exceeding six *per centum per annum*, and shall be raised upon the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, and shall be chargeable thereupon. 2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct that any bonds or inscribed stock issued as security for such loan shall be free from any or all Provincial taxes, succession duties and impositions whatsoever. 3. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may provide for a special sinking fund with respect to such loan, and such sinking fund may be at a greater rate than the one-half of one *per centum per annum* on the amount of such debentures or stock as specified in subsection 2 of section 4 of The Provincial Loans Act.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 152), For raising money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Macdiarmid,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Provincial War Tax.

Mr. Hearst acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee:)

Resolved—1. That all sums of money due the Provincial Treasurer under the Provincial War Tax remaining unpaid after the 15th day of January in each year shall bear interest at the rate of six *per cent. per annum* thereafter until paid. 2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in order to provide money for the purposes of the Provincial War Tax may raise by way of loan yearly a sum not exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000) which shall bear interest at such rate as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and shall be raised on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario and shall be chargeable thereupon.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved—1. That all sums of money due the Provincial Treasurer under the Provincial War Tax remaining unpaid after the 15th day of January in each year shall bear interest at the rate of six *per cent. per annum* thereafter until paid. 2. That the Lieutenant-Governor in Council in order to provide money for the purposes of the Provincial War Tax may raise by way of loan yearly a sum not exceeding two million dollars (\$2,000,000) which shall bear interest at such rate as may be fixed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and shall be raised on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario and shall be chargeable thereupon.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 142), To amend the Provincial War Tax Act.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 134), To amend the University Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 136), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 138), To amend the Mechanics' and Wage-earners' Lien Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 139), Respecting the Custody of certain Documents.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 105), The Amusements Tax Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker

resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 108), To amend the Workmen's Compensation Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 107), To amend the Succession Duty Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), The Soldiers' Aid Commission Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 100), The Ontario Temperance Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Owens reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1916, the following sums:—

201. To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice..	\$55,632 34
203. To defray the expenses of Public Institutions Maintenance	1,457 10
204. To defray the expenses of Agriculture.....	4,093 07
205. To defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration.	3,550 00
206. To defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities.....	4,000 00

207. To defray the expenses of the Maintenance and Repairs of Government Buildings	233 00
208. To defray the expenses of the Public Buildings.....	209,676 61
211. To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads, West Division.....	\$26,525 00
212. To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads, East Division.....	59,790 00
214. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous Colonization Roads.....	28,316 24
215. To defray the expenses of the Game and Fisheries Depart- ment.....	1,214 92
217. To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, Miscellaneous.....	6,100 00
219. To defray the expenses of the Charges on Crown Lands..	982 93
220. To defray the expenses of Refunds.....	28 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Owens reported. That the Committee had come to several Resolutions: also. That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Secretary and Registrar of the Province for the year 1915.
(*Sessional Papers*, No. 19.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 3rd April, 1916, for a Return of copies of all correspondence or other papers and documents which passed between J. H. Carrique, of the City of Toronto, or any other person or persons and the Attorney-General or any official of his Department or of any Department of the Government in connection with, or arising out of, a request made by the said J. H. Carrique to have Robert M. Catts and Edward C. Hill extradited from the United States of America on a charge that they had defrauded him out of the sum of \$5,000. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 83.)

The House then adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

Friday, April 7th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Radcliffe, praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Sixth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting Wycliffe College.

Bill (No. 24), An Act respecting the Township of Osgoode in the County of Carleton.

Bill (No. 43), An Act to enable the Town of Oshawa to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the Council of the County of Ontario.

Bill (No. 46), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 55), An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 7), An Act to confirm By-law No. 589 of the Village of Eganville.

Bill (No. 13), An Act to confirm By-law No. 72 of the Township of Chapleau.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 11), An Act respecting Wycliffe College, on the ground that it is one relating to an Educational Institution.

Your Committee recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of Your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Wednesday, the 12th day of April instant.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 11), Wycliffe College.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from Committees on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Wednesday, the twelfth day of April instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 153), intituled "An Act to amend the Public Health Act."
Mr. Irish.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 154), intituled "An Act to amend the Houses of Refuge Act."
Mr. Hurdman.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 155), intituled "An Act to amend the Theatres and Cinematographs Act." Mr. Hurdman.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Bill (No. 156), To amend the Ontario Election Act. Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 12), Respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 15), To incorporate the Village of Erie Beach.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting The Home, Lindsay.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 47), To confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Aurora.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 49), Respecting St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 92), To amend the Ontario Railway Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 140), To amend the Ontario Telephone Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 142), To amend the Provincial War Tax Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 143), To amend the Wolf Bounty Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 144), To amend the Tile Drainage Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 145), To amend the Municipal Drainage Aid Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 146), To amend the Dog Tax and Sheep Protection Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 147), Respecting the Licensing of Provincial Auctioneers of Pure Bred Stock.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 148), To amend the Mining Act of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Bill (No. 113), To amend the Board of Education Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 23), Respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 19), Respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Bill (No. 35), Respecting the Town of Sudbury.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Village of New Toronto.

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the Town of Bowmanville.

Bill (No. 1), Respecting the Town of Ojibway.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendment.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Carter asked the following Question:—

1. What was the amount in pounds of Nickel matte produced for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915, by the Canada Copper Company and the Mond Nickel Company respectively from their mines in Northern Ontario.

To which the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied in the words following:—

As provided by the Mining Act of Ontario, section 170, the returns of nickel copper matte are made quarterly and yearly, according to the calendar and not the fiscal year. 1. Canadian Copper Company for twelve months ending December 31st, 1915, 99,656,000 pounds. Mond Nickel Company for twelve months ending December 31st, 1915, 35,750,528 pounds.

Mr. Carter asked the following Question:—

1. What amount has the Mond Nickel Company paid to the Provincial Government in respect of tax on profits of the mine under The Mining Tax Act for the fiscal year ending the 31st October, A.D. 1915.

And the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied in the figures following:—

\$4,000.00.

Mr. Ham asked the following Question:—

1. How much good arable land does the Government estimate is available for settlement in the District of Temiskaming and Cochrane respectively. 2. How much land has been taken up by settlers in these Districts respectively. 3. How many agricultural settlers are there in these Districts respectively. 4. What is the estimated amount of farm produce raised in these Districts in the year 1915 respectively. 5. How many miles of good roads have been constructed in these Districts respectively by the Government.

And the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines replied as follows:—

(Note.—The District of Cochrane is for electoral purposes only. The figures given are for the District of Temiskaming, which includes what is known as the electoral District of Cochrane.)

1. The Judicial District of Temiskaming contains approximately 25,000,000 acres of land. Of this amount it is estimated that two-thirds is arable land, or approximately 17,000,000 acres. 2. In the Judicial District of Temiskaming 869,729 acres of land has been sold. 3. 5,714 settlers have purchased land in said District. (These figures up to end of fiscal year—31st October, 1915.)

	Bushels.
4. Wheat.....	30,220
Barley.....	32,796
Oats.....	382,368
Mixed grains.....	46,237
Roots.....	207,188
Total.....	698,809

	Miles.
5. Under Northern Development Branch.....	818
Under Colonization Roads Department.....	1,119

Mr. Atkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Marshall,

That in the opinion of this House the Government should forthwith give notice to the Lake Huron and Northern Ontario Railway that by reason of the

default of the said Railway in complying with the conditions of the Act, 3-4 Geo. V, chapter 134, providing for a land grant to the said Railway, the Government will not renew or extend the time for the earning of the said land grant or the purchase of the lands in the said Act referred to, estimated by the said Company at 1,230,000 acres. And this House is further of the opinion that the policy of alienating large tracts of the public domain to Railway Corporations is contrary to the public interests and should be discontinued.

And a Debate having ensued, the Motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

On Motion of Mr. Ham, seconded by Mr. Carter,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:—1. All correspondence between the Government, or any member or official thereof, and the Ontario Commission on Unemployment with reference to carrying out the recommendations of the Commission.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 134), To amend the University Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 138), To amend the Mechanics' and Wage-earners' Lien Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Godfrey reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 139), Respecting the Custody of Certain Documents, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Godfrey reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:

Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the year 1915.
(*Sessional Papers, No. 48.*)

Also—Report of the Decisions in cases arising under “The Municipal Drainage Act,” together with other cases analogous thereto and The General Rules relating to practice and procedure under the said Act. (*Sessional Papers, No. 84.*)

The House then adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Monday, April 10th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O’CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Davidson, the Petition of the County Council of Brant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 157), intituled “An Act to amend the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act.” Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 158), intituled “An Act to amend the Snow Fences Act.” Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 159), intituled “An Act to amend the Public Libraries Act.” Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 160), intituled “An Act allowing Municipalities to adopt Proportional Representation.” Mr. Proudfoot.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 12), Respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company.

Bill (No. 15), To incorporate the Village of Erie Beach.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting The Home, Lindsay.

Bill (No. 47), To confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Aurora.

Bill (No. 49), Respecting St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 11), Respecting Wycliffe College.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the Township of Osgoode in the County of Carleton.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 43), To enable the Town of Oshawa to withdraw from the Jurisdiction of the Council of the County of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 55), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 7), To Confirm By-law No. 589 of the Village of Eganville.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 13), To Confirm By-law No. 72 of the Township of Chapleau.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 101), To amend the Public Schools Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 149), To amend the Ontario Highway Act, 1915.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 141), To amend the Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 152), For raising money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 142), To amend the Provincial War Tax Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 143), To amend the Wolf Bounty Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 144), To amend the Tile Drainage Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 145), To amend the Municipal Drainage Aid Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 146), To amend the Dog Tax and Sheep Protection Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 147), Respecting the Licensing of Provincial Auctioneers of Pure Bred Stock, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 140), To amend the Ontario Telephone Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered; That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

On Motion of Sir Adam Beck, seconded by Mr. Pyne, it was

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House, inquiry should be made into the control exercised by Underwriters' Associations and similar bodies over the method of regulating and placing of insurance, and the rates chargeable for

insurance against loss or damage by fire or otherwise, and that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council be requested to name a Commission to conduct such inquiry under the "Public Inquiries Act," and to report the results thereof with such recommendations as may be deemed proper to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that action may be taken thereunder at the next Session of the Legislature.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 104), To amend the Audit Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Bowman asked the following Question:—

1. On what date or dates was the \$2,000,000 borrowed on or about the 1st day of February, 1916, under The Power Commission Act, advanced to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

And the Provincial Treasurer replied in the words and figures following:

1. See Public Accounts, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Provincial Archivist for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 51.)

The House then adjourned at 5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 11th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Black, the Petition of the Township Council of Sheffield.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Seventh Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 18), An Act respecting the Town of Burlington.

Bill (No. 27), An Act respecting the Corporations of the City of Windsor, and the Towns of Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford City and Ojibway.

Bill (No. 36), An Act respecting the Village of Mimico and the Village of New Toronto.

Bill (No. 41), An Act to incorporate the Town of Kingsdale.

Bill (No. 59), An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendments:—

Bill (No. 34), An Act respecting The Essex Terminal Railway Company and the City of Windsor.

Bill (No. 123), An Act to confirm By-law 1206 of 1916 of the Township of Raleigh concerning the Raleigh Plains Drain.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 14), "An Act limiting the duration of the franchise granted by By-laws 764 and 898 of the City of Windsor," the same having been withdrawn by the promoters thereof.

Your Committee recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of Your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended to and inclusive of Thursday the 13th day of April instant.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 14), City of Windsor franchise.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports of Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Thursday the thirteenth day of April instant.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 161), intituled "An Act respecting Hotels." Mr. Martyn.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 162), intituled "An Act respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents." Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 163), intituled "An Act to amend the Assessment Act." Mr. McPherson.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Hearst delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from the Lieutenant-Governor, signed by himself; and the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, and is as follows:—

JOHN S. HENDRIE.

The Lieutenant-Governor transmits Estimates of certain sums required for the services of the Province for the year ending 31st October, 1917, and recommends them to the Legislative Assembly.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, April 11th, 1916.

(*Sessional Papers, No. 2.*)

Ordered, That the Message of the Lieutenant-Governor, together with the Estimates accompanying same, be referred to the Committee of Supply.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 151), To amend the Municipal Drainage Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 150), To amend the Northern and North-Western Ontario Development Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 153), To amend the Public Health Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 103), To improve the quality of Dairy Products, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 148), To amend the Mining Act of Ontario, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 152), For raising money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 136), The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Bowman,

Ordered, That there be laid before the House a Return shewing:—1. If the T. & N. O. Railway was, within the past twelve months, asked to quote rates on the shipment of 6,000 tons of fabricated steel, or some quantity of fabricated steel, from Sarnia to Regina. 2. If the T. & N. O. Railway was asked to quote rates, who were the shippers or parties requesting the rates; and what was the amount of steel involved; and what were the rates quoted. 3. If rates were quoted, how did these rates compare with the tariff rates in the tariff approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners for the quantities of steel and the haul in question.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 137), The Soldiers' Aid Commission Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Ham asked the following Question:—

1. How many free labourers are employed at the Guelph Prison Farm.

And the Minister of Education replied in the words following:—

Officers of Custodial Branch, including Superintendent, Officers, Attendants of Insane Ward and Guards.....	55
Officers of Industrial Branch, including Foremen of Industries, Engineers, etc., whose salaries are absorbed in cost of production of articles manufactured and marketed.....	42
Mechanics, including carpenters, steam-fitters, electricians, etc., who are temporarily engaged in construction....	66

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 120), To amend the Ontario Railway Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 121), To amend the Ontario Railway Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 155), To amend the Theatres and Cinematographs Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1916, the following sums:—

200. To defray the expenses of Civil Government.....	\$29,337 33
202. To defray the expenses of Education.....	138,083 00
209. To defray the expenses of the Public Works.....	538,536 07
210. To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads, North Division.....	75,530 50
213. To defray the expenses of the Temiskaming District.....	33,964 25
218. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's De- partment, Miscellaneous	68,000 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. McDonald,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a Return shewing:—1. Copies of all letters or telegrams, since the 1st January, 1915, which have passed between the Government or any official or agent thereof, and the International Nickel Company or the Canadian Copper Company or any officers or officials thereof, in reference to the damages done to the property of the farmers and others interested in the lands adjacent to the plant of the Canadian Copper Company. 2. Of all letters and telegrams which have passed between the Government, or any officer or official thereof—and particularly the Departments of Lands, Forests and Mines and of Agriculture—and Mr. Chas. McCrea, M.P.P., of Sudbury, in reference to the matters aforesaid or the operations of the International Nickel Company or the Canadian Copper Com-

pany, and the damage being done to the property in the vicinity of the operations of the said companies; and particularly the correspondence between either of the Departments and Mr. McCrea and Mr. Ponton and Mr. Jarvis, Valuers for the Canadian Copper Company. 3. Of all Orders in Council withdrawing lands from sale for agricultural purposes, at the instance or suggestion of the Canadian Copper Company.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Hospitals for the Insane for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 22.*)

Also—Report—being Part II—on the Feeble-Minded in Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 24.*)

Also—Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Prisons and Reformatories for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 26.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 24th March, 1916, for a Return shewing:—1. The names of the officials connected with the Ontario Reformatory or Guelph Prison Farm, giving their positions and salaries respectively. (*Sessional Papers, No. 85.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 9th March, 1916, for a Return shewing:—1. What is the total capital expenditure on the Guelph Prison Farm to the close of the fiscal year. 2. If any further capital expenditures are contemplated; and shewing the estimated amount thereof. 3. And how many prisoners are now confined at the Guelph Prison Farm. (*Sessional Papers, No. 86.*)

The House then adjourned at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, April 12th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the County Council of Brant, praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. Gooderham, from the Standing Committee on Railways, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 56), To incorporate the Buffalo and Fort Erie Ferry and Railroad Company, and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

Mr. Hanna, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills without amendment:—

Bill (No. 79), An Act to amend the Highway Improvement Act.

Bill (No. 85), An Act to amend the Municipal Arbitrations Act.

Bill (No. 91), An Act to amend the Snow Fences Act.

Bill (No. 115), An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Act.

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill with certain amendments:

Bill (No. 72), An Act to amend the Statute Labour Act.

Your Committee have carefully considered Bills Nos. 130 and 151, To amend the Municipal Drainage Act, and beg leave to report Bill (No. 151), in which has been incorporated the provisions of Bill (No. 130.)

Your Committee have also carefully considered Bills Nos. 111, 112 and 141, To amend the Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes, and beg leave to report Bill (No. 111), in which has been incorporated such of the provisions of Bills Nos. 112 and 141 as have been approved of.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 22), To authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Charles Bagot Labatt as a Barrister.

Bill (No. 11), Respecting Wycliffe College.

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the Township of Osgoode in the County of Carleton.

Bill (No. 43), To enable the Town of Oshawa to withdraw from the Jurisdiction of the Council of the County of Ontario.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 55), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 7), To confirm By-law No. 589 of the Village of Eganville.

Bill (No. 13), To confirm By-law No. 72 of the Township of Chapleau.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Town of Burlington.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Corporations of the City of Windsor and the Towns of Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford City and Ojibway.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Village of Mimico and the Village of New Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the Town of Kingsdale.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 34), Respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company and the City of Windsor.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 123), To confirm By-law No. 1206 of 1916 of the Township of Raleigh concerning the Raleigh Plains Drain.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 154), To amend the Houses of Refuge Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 156), To amend the Ontario Election Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the Revised Rules and Orders of the House as reported by the Select Committee and after some time spent therein Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had made some progress and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1917, the following sums:—

1. To defray the expenses of the Lieutenant-Governor's Office. \$5,450 00

2. To defray the expenses of the Department of Prime Minister and President of the Council	15,450 00
3. To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department.....	77,650 00
5. To defray the expenses of the Lands, Forests and Mines Department.....	174,620 00
6. To defray the expenses of the Public Works Department.	137,555 00
7. To defray the expenses of the Department of Public Highways.....	37,425 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor,

Report on Neglected and Dependent Children of Ontario, for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 27.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 9th March, 1916, for a Return shewing:—1. What is the total capital expenditure on the Whitby Asylum to the close of the fiscal year. 2. And if any further capital expenditures are contemplated; and if so, shewing the estimated amount thereof. 3. And the number of inmates now confined in the Whitby Asylum. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 87.)

The House then adjourned at 6.05 p.m.

Thursday, April 13th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

The following Petition was read and received:—

Of the Township Council of Sheffield, praying for the creation of a Department of Labour.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Eighth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 20), An Act respecting the Town of Ingersoll.

Bill (No. 38), An Act respecting the Township of York.

Bill (No. 52), An Act respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Your Committee recommend that the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 20), An Act respecting the Town of Ingersoll, on the ground that it is one relating to a Charitable Institution.

Your Committee recommend that notwithstanding Rule 51 of Your Honourable House the time for receiving Reports of Committees on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday the 18th day of April instant.

Ordered, That the fees, less the actual cost of printing, be remitted on Bill (No. 20), Town of Ingersoll.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Reports from Committees on Private Bills be extended until and inclusive of Tuesday the eighteenth day of April instant.

Mr. McPherson, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their First Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills to them referred, and report the same without amendment:—

Bill (No. 153), An Act to amend The Public Health Act.

Bill (No. 156), An Act to amend The Ontario Election Act.

Bill (No. 87), An Act to amend The Trustee Act.

The following Bill was *nemine contradicente*, introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 164), intituled “An Act to amend The Assessment Act.”
Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 165), intituled “An Act to amend an Act to Authorize and Confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.” Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 166), intituled “An Act to regulate the use of the Waters of the Province of Ontario for Power Development Purposes.” Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 167), intituled “An Act to amend The Hydro-Electric Railway Act and to confirm certain By-laws and Contracts.” Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 168), intituled “An Act respecting the Public Development of Water Power in the vicinity of Niagara Falls.” Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 169), intituled “An Act to amend The Power Commission Act and to confirm certain By-laws and Contracts.” Mr. Lucas.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 170), intituled “An Act to amend The Mining Act of Ontario.”
Mr. Gamey.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 150), To amend The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 137), The Soldiers' Aid Commission Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 100), The Ontario Temperance Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 95), To amend The Power Commission Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Hearst, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon of Friday, the fourteenth day of April instant, Mr. Speaker to leave the Chair at One of the Clock, without the Question being put.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1917, the following sums:—

4. To defray the expenses of the Education Department....	\$41,925 00
8. To defray the expenses of the Game and Fisheries Department.....	25,400 00
9. To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department.....	69,014 00
10. To defray the expenses of the Audit Office.....	29,350 00
12. To defray the expenses of the Department of Agriculture.	70,525 00
13. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous.....	22,778 00
14. To defray the expenses of Legislation.....	320,900 00
15. To defray the expenses of the Supreme Court of Ontario.	96,225 00
16. To defray the expenses of the Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice.....	518,926 66
17. To defray the expenses of the Administration of Justice in Districts.....	226,560 00
19. To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Toronto.....	80,752 00
20. To defray the expenses of the Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa.....	55,710 00
21. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, London...	31,536 25
22. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Hamilton.	29,627 50
23. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Peterborough.....	25,075 00
24. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, Stratford.	27,631 25
25. To defray the expenses of the Normal School, North Bay.	37,430 00

26. To defray the expenses of the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes.....	185,100 00
27. To defray the expenses of the Departmental Library and Museum.....	22,528 00
28. To defray the expenses of the Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies.....	78,325 00
29. To defray the expenses of the Technical Education.....	138,600 00
30. To defray the expenses of the Superannuated Teachers...	60,650 00
31. To defray the expenses of the Provincial University, Mining Schools, etc.....	42,600 00
32. To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville.....	76,884 00
33. To defray the expenses of the Ontario School for the Blind, Brantford.....	54,684 00
34. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous on Education	10,200 00
35. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Brockville.....	161,852 00
36. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Cobourg	31,760 00
37. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Hamilton.....	222,854 00
38. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Kingston.....	138,860 00
39. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, London	190,950 00
40. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Mimico	132,135 00
41. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia.....	121,522 00
42. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene.....	70,186 00
43. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Insane, Toronto	186,522 00

44. To defray the expenses of the Reception Hospital for the Insane, Toronto.....	18,500 00
45. To defray the expenses of the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock.....	50,016 00
46. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Reformatory.....	100,740 00
47. To defray the expenses of the Industries Ontario Reformatory.....	132,400 00
48. To defray the expenses of the Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females.....	40,640 00
49. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous Public Institutions Maintenance.....	34,220 00
50. To defray the expenses of the Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.....	154,750 00
51. To defray the expenses of the Live Stock Branch.....	38,650 00
52. To defray the expenses of the Institutes.....	30,800 00
53. To defray the expenses of the Bureau of Industries.....	5,500 00
54. To defray the expenses of the Dairy Branch.....	62,000 00
55. To defray the expenses of the Fruit Branch.....	53,700 00
56. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Veterinary College.	30,800 00
58. To defray the expenses of the Ontario Agricultural College.....	172,325 00
59. To defray the expenses of the Macdonald Institute and Hall.....	42,290 00
60. To defray the expenses of the Forestry.....	1,000 00
61. To defray the expenses of the Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department.....	23,350 00
62. To defray the expenses of the Field Experiments.....	17,505 00
63. To defray the expenses of the Experimental Dairy Department.....	9,756 00

64. To defray the expenses of the Dairy School.....	8,165 00
65. To defray the expenses of the Poultry Department.....	10,450 00
66. To defray the expenses of the Horticulture Department..	12,150 00
67. To defray the expenses of the Apicultural Department...	1,750 00
68. To defray the expenses of the Soil Physics Department..	4,000 00
69. To defray the expenses of the Mechanical Department...	1,250 00
70. To defray the expenses of the Colonization and Immigra- tion.....	96,300 00
71. To defray the expenses of the Hospitals and Charities...	527,254 76
72. To defray the expenses of the Government House.....	22,100 00
73. To defray the expenses of the Parliament and Depart- mental Buildings.....	164,645 00
74. To defray the expenses of the Osgoode Hall Maintenance	20,467 00
75. To defray the expenses of the Parliament Buildings Maintenance.....	300 00
76. To defray the expenses of the Osgoode Hall Maintenance.	21,475 00
77. To defray the expenses of the Public Institutions Main- tenance and Repairs.....	186,200 00
78. To defray the expenses of Educational Maintenance and Repairs.....	10,600 00
79. To defray the expenses of the Agriculture Maintenance and Repairs.....	3,000 00
80. To defray the expenses of the Districts.....	93,900 00
81. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous.....	110,000 00
82. To defray the expenses of the Public Works.....	80,300 00
83. To defray the expenses of the Colonization Roads.....	87,000 00

84. To defray the expenses of the Department of Public Highways.....	55,770 00
85. To defray the expenses of the Game and Fisheries.....	145,300 00
88. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous	218,445 00
89. To defray the expenses of the Outside Service and Surveys	466,550 00
90. To defray the expenses of the Mines and Mining.....	96,600 00
91. To defray the expenses of the Parks.....	60,600 00
92. To defray the expenses of the Education Refunds.....	1,500 00
93. To defray the expenses of the Lands, Forests and Mines Refunds.....	25,000 00
94. To defray the expenses of the Succession Duty Refunds..	36,000 00
95. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous Refunds....	30,000 00
96. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous.....	47,600 00

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Musgrove (Huron), reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions; also, That the Committee had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities, on Hospitals and Charities, for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 25.)

Also—Statement of the Distribution of the Revised and Sessional Statutes for the Year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 88.)

The House then adjourned at 12 midnight.

Friday, April 14th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

11 O'CLOCK A.M.

Mr. Hearst, from the Select Committee to which was referred a certain Resolution as to organization of the resources of the Province, presented their Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

The Select Committee to which was referred a Resolution of Your Honourable House *re* organization of the resources of the Province and to which was also referred Bill (No. 90), For the compilation of a Provincial Register, beg to report and to recommend that the Bill herewith submitted, "Relating to the organization of the resources of the Province" be passed by Your Honourable House.

The following Bill was then introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 171), intituled "The Organization of Resources Act."
Mr. Hearst.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time on Monday next.

Mr. Hanna, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bills with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 76), An Act to regulate the Load of Vehicles operated on Highways.

Bill (No. 128), An Act to amend The Highway Travel Act.

Bill (No. 129), An Act to amend The Motor Vehicles Act.

Bill (No. 149), An Act to amend The Ontario Highways Act, 1915.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 2), Respecting the Municipality of Shuniah.

Bill (No. 3), To amend the Act to incorporate the Ursuline Academy of Chatham.

Bill (No. 9), Respecting the City of Galt.

Bill (No. 10), To confirm certain By-laws and an Agreement between the Townships of Yarmouth and Malahide.

Bill (No. 16), To confirm By-law No. 819 of the City of Sarnia.

Bill (No. 31), Respecting the Amalgamation of the School of Mining and Agriculture with Queen's University at Kingston.

Bill (No. 50), To authorize the Corporation of the City of Guelph to levy an assessment during the present year for the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Bill (No. 4), To incorporate the Village of Thornloe.

Bill (No. 32), Respecting the Town of Midland.

Bill (No. 8), Vesting certain lands in the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church, Almonte.

Bill (No. 21), To amend the Act incorporating the Midland Land Company.

Bill (No. 45), Relating to the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased.

Bill (No. 5), Respecting the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased.

Bill (No. 17), Respecting the Township of London.

Bill (No. 33), Respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

Bill (No. 42), Respecting the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

Bill (No. 54), Respecting the City of St. Catharines.

Bill (No. 57), Respecting the City of Peterborough.

Bill (No. 51), To amend the Act incorporating McMaster University.

Bill (No. 28), Respecting the Town of Walkerville.

Bill (No. 40), To further amend the Act incorporating St. Patrick's Asylum, Ottawa.

Bill (No. 23), Respecting the City of London.

Bill (No. 26), Respecting the Town of Sandwich.

Bill (No. 35), Respecting the Town of Sudbury,

Bill (No. 58), Respecting the Town of Bowmanville.

Bill (No. 1), Respecting the Town of Ojibway.

Bill (No. 25), Respecting The Home, Lindsay.

Bill (No. 49), Respecting St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

Bill (No. 22), To authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Charles Bagot Labatt as a Barrister.

Bill (No. 11), Respecting Wycliffe College.

Bill (No. 43), To enable the Town of Oshawa to withdraw from the Jurisdiction of the Council of the County of Ontario.

Bill (No. 13), To Confirm By-law No. 72 of the Township of Chapleau.

Mr. Munro asked the following Question:—

1. How many commercial High Schools have been established in the Province. 2. Where are they situated. 3. In how many High Schools has a commercial course been established. 4. Where are they situated.

- And the Minister of Education replied as follows:—

1. One. 2. Toronto (The High School of Commerce and Finance). 3. Forty-eight. 4. Collegiate Institutes—Berlin, Brantford, Brockville, Chatham, Cobourg, Collingwood, Clinton, Guelph, Galt, Goderich, Fort William, Ingersoll, Kingston, Lindsay, London, Napanee, North Bay, Niagara Falls, Orillia, Owen Sound, Ottawa, Peterborough, Perth, Picton, Port Arthur, Renfrew, Ridgetown, St. Catharines, Stratford, St. Thomas, Smith's Falls, Sarnia, St. Mary's, Woodstock, Windsor, Vankleek Hill. High Schools—Belleville, Cornwall, Dundas, Meaford, Niagara Falls South, Newmarket, Oshawa, Pembroke, Port Hope, Streetsville, Sudbury, Welland.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted to His Majesty, for the services of 1917, the following sums:—

11. To defray the expenses of the Provincial Secretary's

Department..... \$202,850 00

18. To defray the expenses of the Public and Separate School Education.....	1,336,100 00
57. To defray the expenses of the Miscellaneous Agriculture.	121,800 00
86. To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, Miscellaneous	175,200 00
87. To defray the expenses of the Treasury Department, Miscellaneous.....	53,450 00
216. To defray the expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, Miscellaneous	2,907,586 61
221. To defray the expenses of Miscellaneous.....	503,173 67

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and McCrea reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Bee Keepers' Association for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 35.*)

Also—Report of the Women's Institutes of the Province for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 41.*)

Also—Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board, Ontario, to the 31st December, 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 54.*)

Also—Report of the Monteith Demonstration Farm, 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 62.*)

Also—Annual Report of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 30.*)

Also—Report of the Ontario Corn Growers for the year 1909. (*Sessional Papers, No. 33.*)

Also—Report of Stallion Enrolment Board of Ontario for the year 1914. (*Sessional Papers, No. 39.*)

Also—Report of the Agricultural Societies for the year 1911. (*Sessional Papers, No. 42.*)

The House then adjourned at 6.10 p.m.

Monday, April 17th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. McPherson, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 77), To amend The Evidence Act, and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

Your Committee have carefully considered Bill (No. 68), To amend The Ontario Voters' Lists Act, and report the same without amendment.

Mr. Sulman, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their First Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be printed:—

Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 1.*)

Estimates, Supplementary Estimates and Further Supplementary Estimates for the year 1916-17. (*Sessional Papers, No. 2.*)

Report of the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 3.*)

Report of the Inspector of Division Courts for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 5.*)

Report of the Inspector of Legal Offices for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 6.*)

Report of the Inspector of Registry Offices for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 7.*)

Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 10.*)

Report of the Registrar of Friendly Societies for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 11.*)

Statements of the Loan Companies, Trust Companies, etc., for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 12.*)

Report of the Minister of Public Works for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 13.*)

Report of the Game and Fisheries Department for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 14.*)

Report of the Department of Public Highways for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 15.*)

Report of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 18.*)

Report of the Secretary and Registrar of the Province for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 19.*)

Report of the Registrar-General for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 20.*)

Report of the Provincial Board of Health for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 21.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Hospitals for the Insane of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 22.*)

Report on the Feeble-Minded in Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 24.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon Hospitals and Charitable Institutions in Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 25.*)

Report of the Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities upon the Prisons and Reformatories of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 26.*)

Report on Neglected and Dependent Children of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 27.*)

Report on the Operation of the Liquor License Acts for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 28.*)

Report of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway Commission for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 47.*)

Report of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 48.*)

Report of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 49.*)

Report of the Bureau of Archives for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 51.*)

Report of the Provincial Auditor for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 53.*)

Report of the Ontario Commission on Unemployment. (*Sessional Papers, No. 55.*)

Regulations and Orders in Council *re* Department of Education. (*Sessional Papers, No. 61.*)

Report of the Northern Ontario Development Branch for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 63.*)

Report of the decisions arising under the "Municipal Drainage Act." (*Sessional Papers, No. 84.*)

Your Committee recommend that the following Documents be not printed:

Report of the state of the Library during the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 52.*)

Returns *re* Houses of Refuge in Municipalities. (*Sessional Papers, No. 58.*)

Return *re* charge made against Herbert Capewell *re* Military contracts. (*Sessional Papers, No. 59.*)

Return *re* Fishing Licenses granted in Manitoulin Island. (*Sessional Papers, No. 60.*)

Orders in Council *re* Surrogate Court Fees. (*Sessional Papers, No. 64.*)

Return *re* T. & N. O. Railway Buffet Cars. (*Sessional Papers, No. 65.*)

Return *re* T. & N. O. Railway Fire Insurance. (*Sessional Papers, No. 66.*)

Return *re* Electric Railways in Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No. 67.*)

Return *re* Care of returned Soldiers. (*Sessional Papers, No. 68.*)

Return *re* Course of Instruction for Judges at Fall Fairs. (*Sessional Papers, No. 69.*)

Return *re* amount received by Government from War Tax during 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 70.*)

Return *re* Employers of Labour coming under Schedule I Workmen's Compensation Act. (*Sessional Papers, No. 71.*)

Return *re* levying of assessment by Workmen's Compensation Board. (*Sessional Papers, No. 72.*)

Return *re* total number of employers of labour coming under Schedule 2 of the Workmen's Compensation Act. (*Sessional Papers, No. 73.*)

Return *re* Rex vs. Friedman. (*Sessional Papers, No. 74.*)

Return *re* amounts paid by Government to aid recruiting and to whom paid. (*Sessional Papers, No. 75.*)

Return *re* payments made by Government to account of Ontario Military Hospital. (*Sessional Papers, No. 76.*)

Return *re* appointment of Workmen's Compensation Board. (*Sessional Papers, No. 77.*)

Return *re* number of employees of Government serving with Canadian Army. (*Sessional Papers, No. 78.*)

Return *re* names of Civil Servants who have enlisted. (*Sessional Papers, No. 79.*)

Return *re* Canada Copper Company and International Nickel Company. (*Sessional Papers, No. 80.*)

Return *re* Police Magistrate for the City of Windsor. (*Sessional Papers, No. 81.*)

Return *re* Police Magistrate for Amherstburgh. (*Sessional Papers, No. 82.*)

Return *re* J. H. Carrique, R. M. Catts and E. C. Hill. (*Sessional Papers, No. 83.*)

Return *re* officials connected with Ontario Reformatory, Guelph. (*Sessional Papers, No. 85.*)

Return *re* capital expenditure on the Guelph Prison Farm. (*Sessional Papers, No. 86.*)

Return *re* capital expenditure on the Whitby Asylum. (*Sessional Papers, No. 87.*)

Report on the distribution of the Revised and other Statutes. (*Sessional Papers, No. 88.*)

Return *re* Conditions of Unemployed in Province of Ontario. (*Sessional Papers, No. 57.*)

Your Committee recommend that the following Publications be purchased for distribution to the Members of the Legislative Assembly:—

115 Copies "Canadian Annual Review," at \$3.00 *per* copy.

115 Copies "5000 Facts about Canada," at 15c. *per* copy.

115 Copies "Canadian Parliamentary Guide," at \$2.00 *per* copy.

150 Copies "National Tax Association Report," at \$1.00 *per* copy.

Your Committee also recommend the printing of Bill (No. 103), To improve the Quality of Dairy Products, together with the discussion before the Agricultural Committee, for circulation among the dairymen during the summer.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 172), intituled "An Act to amend The Private Detectives Act." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 173), intituled "An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the Public Service of the Financial Year ending on the thirty-first day of October, 1916, and for the Public Service of the Financial Year ending the thirty-first day of October, 1917." Mr. McGarry.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 174), intituled "An Act to amend the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 175), intituled "An Act to amend The Ontario Companies Act."
Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Mr. Ferguson (Kent) asked the following Question:—

1. What is the total cost to date for the revision, printing and distribution of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914.

And the Attorney-General replied in the words and figures following:—

1. The total paid from 1905 to 1915 inclusive, is \$275,706.10. This includes the cost of printing, preparation and distribution of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914; also the accounts of the Workmen's Compensation Commission, and other amounts paid for services and salaries which amount approximately to \$26,000.

Mr. Parliament asked the following Question:—

1. What is the amount of revenue received from Pound Net Fishing Licenses for the District of West Elgin, for the years 1912, 1913, 1914 and 1915 respectively. 2. What was the date of the appointment of Archibald McEwen as Fishery Inspector for the District of West Elgin. Is he still Inspector; if not, when did he resign. 3. Who is at present the Fishery Inspector for the District of West Elgin; and when was he appointed.

To which the Minister of Public Works replied as follows:—

1. 1912, \$2,900; 1913, \$2,900; 1914, \$3,050; 1915, \$3,250. 2. Appointed Fishery Overseer March 17th, 1905. Resigned January 31st, 1913. 3. Albert Schliehauf, appointed Game and Fishery Overseer August 1st, 1913.

Mr. Carter asked the following Question:—

1. Under whose instructions were the plans prepared for the construction of the Chemical Building at the Agricultural College. 2. Was an estimate made of what the building would cost. 3. If so, what was the amount. 4. Were tenders called for its construction. 5. Who has charge of the work. 6. How much has already been expended on the work. 7. What will it cost to complete.

And the Minister of Public Works replied in the words following:—

1. The Minister of Public Works. 2. Approximate estimate based on cubic contents at the unit cost of Field Husbandry Building. 3. \$72,500. Subsequently the character of the building was changed, making steel skeleton construction and other changes that added to the cost. 4. Subsection 3, section 6 of The Public Works Act authorizes the Minister to execute the work on public buildings and public works by day labour where, from the nature of the work, it can be more expeditiously or more economically executed by officers or servants of the Department. It was decided that by executing the work by day labour, utilizing the organization and shop equipment at the Ontario Reformatory, the work could be more economically executed than by tender. 5. Work carried out under the supervision of the Public Works Department. 6. \$81,269.85. 7. Building completed.

On Motion of Mr. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Davidson,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing if the Government received any statement from the Government of Great Britain, or from any other source, with reference to the use made of the flour contributed by the Province of Ontario to the Mother Country, of the value of \$780,468.70. 2. If so, how was the flour used or disposed of.

On Motion of Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Resolved, That this House doth ratify the following Order-in-Council approved by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, on the 21st day of March, A.D. 1916:—

Upon consideration of the report of Mr. Inspector Dunlop, dated 16th March, 1916, and upon the recommendation of the Honourable the Provincial Secretary, the Committee of Council advise that pursuant to the provisions of section 14 of The Hospitals and Charitable Institutions Act, cap. 300, R.S.O. 1914, the "Wellesley Hospital" be designated as a Hospital to which aid may be granted under the said Act.

Certified.

J. LONSDALE CAPREOL,
Clerk Executive Council.

On Motion of Mr. Macdiarmid, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Resolved, That the House do forthwith resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolution respecting the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission.

Mr. Pyne acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolution, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission, the balance of the cost of the road not to exceed forty *per cent.* of the total expenditure of \$920,000 authorized by this Act.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to a certain Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolution as follows:—

Resolved, That there shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission, the balance of the cost of the road not to exceed forty *per cent.* of the total expenditure of \$920,000 authorized by this Act.

The Resolution having been read the second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 174), To amend The Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 72), To amend The Statute Labour Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 111), To amend the Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed

the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 153), To amend The Public Health Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 156), To amend The Ontario Election Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 79), To amend The Highways Improvement Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 85), To amend The Municipal Arbitrations Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 91), To amend The Snow Fences Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 115), To amend The Noxious Weeds Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr.

Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 87), To amend The Trustee Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 77), To amend the Evidence Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 127), To amend The Railway Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 158), To amend The Snow Fences Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 159), To amend The Public Libraries Act.

Referred to the Legal Committee.

Bill (No. 164), To amend The Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 163), To amend The Assessment Act.

Referred to the Municipal Committee.

Bill (No. 161), Respecting Hotels.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 100), The Ontario Temperance Act.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 96), Allowing Municipalities to adopt Preferential Voting, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 160), Allowing Municipalities to adopt Proportional Representation, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve of the Clock Midnight.

TUESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 1916.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 95), To amend The Power Commission Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Owens reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments, made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

Mr. Donovan reported the following further Resolutions from the Committee of Supply:—

200. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand three hundred and thirty-seven dollars and thirty-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding fifty-five thousand six hundred and thirty-two dollars and thirty-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-eight thousand and eighty-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ten cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions Maintenance for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand and ninety-three dollars and seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and thirty-three dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Maintenance and Repairs of Government Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and nine thousand six hundred and seventy-six dollars and sixty-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and thirty-eight thousand five hundred and thirty-six dollars and seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-five thousand five hundred and thirty dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, North Division, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-six thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, West Division, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-nine thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads, East Division, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-three thousand nine hundred and sixty-four dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Temiskaming District for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight thousand three hundred and sixteen dollars and twenty-four cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous Colonization Roads for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fourteen dollars and ninety-two cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries Department for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two million nine hundred and seven thousand five hundred and eighty-six dollars and sixty-one cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Attorney-General's Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Six thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Treasury Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-eight thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous, for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine hundred and eighty-two dollars and ninety-three cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Charges on Crown Lands for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Refunds for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and three thousand one hundred and seventy-three dollars and sixty-seven cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1916.

The several Resolutions, having been read the second time, it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Two hundred and sixteenth and Two hundred and twenty-first Resolutions be postponed until the next sitting of the House To-day.

The remaining Resolutions were concurred in.

Mr. Donovan reported the following Resolutions from the Committee of Supply:—

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Lieutenant-Governor's Office for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

2. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifteen thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of the Prime Minister and President of the Council for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-seven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Attorney-General's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One Hundred and seventy-four thousand six hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Lands, Forests and Mines Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred and fifty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-seven thousand four hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Highways for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-nine thousand and fourteen dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Treasury Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Audit Office for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy thousand five hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Civil Government) for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred and twenty thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Legislation for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-six thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Supreme Court of Ontario for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and eighteen thousand and nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and sixty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Sundry Civil and Criminal Justice for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-six thousand five hundred and sixty dollars and sixty-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Administration of Justice in Districts for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One million three hundred and thirty-six thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public and Separate School Education for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty thousand seven hundred and fifty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-five thousand seven hundred and ten dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal and Model Schools, Ottawa, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-one thousand five hundred and thirty-six dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray

the expenses of Normal School, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-nine thousand six hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Peterborough, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-seven thousand six hundred and thirty-one dollars and twenty-five cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, Stratford, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-seven thousand four hundred and thirty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Normal School, North Bay, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and eighty-five thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand five hundred and twenty-eight dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Departmental Library and Museum for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-eight thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Libraries, Art Schools, Historical, Literary and Scientific Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-eight thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Technical Education for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Superannuated Teachers for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-two thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial University Mining Schools, etc., for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy-six thousand eight hundred and eighty-four dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Ontario School for the Deaf, Belleville, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-four thousand six hundred and eighty-four dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of The Ontario School for Blind, Brantford, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Education) for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Brockville, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-one thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Cobourg, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty-four dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Hamilton, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Kingston, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ninety thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, London, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-two thousand one hundred and thirty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Mimico, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-one thousand five hundred and twenty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Feeble-Minded, Orillia, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventy thousand one hundred and eighty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Penetanguishene, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and eighty-six thousand five hundred and twenty-two dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighteen thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Reception Hospital for the Insane, Toronto, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty thousand and sixteen dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred thousand seven hundred and forty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Reformatory for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and thirty-two thousand four hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Industries, Ontario Reformatory, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty thousand six hundred and forty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Andrew Mercer Reformatory for Females for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-four thousand two hundred and twenty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Public Institutions Maintenance) for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and fifty-four thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-eight thousand six hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Live Stock Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Institutes for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Bureau of Industries for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty-two thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Dairy Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-three thousand seven hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Fruit Branch for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Veterinary College for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and twenty-one thousand and eight hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Agriculture) for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and seventy-two thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Ontario Agricultural College for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-two thousand two hundred and ninety dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of MacDonald Institute and Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Forestry for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental Feeding Department, for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Seventeen thousand five hundred and five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Field Experiments for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Nine thousand seven hundred and fifty-six dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Experimental Dairy Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eight thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Dairy School for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Poultry Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twelve thousand one hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Horticulture Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Apicultural Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Soil Physics Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mechanical Department for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-six thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization and Immigration for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five hundred and twenty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-four dollars and seventy-six cents be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Hospitals and Charities for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-two thousand one hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Government House for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and sixty-four thousand six hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty thousand four hundred and sixty-seven dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parliament Buildings for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-one thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Osgoode Hall for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and eighty-six thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Institutions for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Three thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Agriculture for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-three thousand nine hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Districts for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ten thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Public Buildings) for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Public Works for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Eighty-seven thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Colonization Roads for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-five thousand seven hundred and seventy dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Department of Public Highways for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and forty-five thousand three hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Game and Fisheries for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and seventy-five thousand two hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses

of Attorney-General's Department, Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty-three thousand four hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Treasury Department, Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Two hundred and eighteen thousand four hundred and forty-five dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Provincial Secretary's Department, Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Four hundred and sixty-six thousand five hundred and fifty dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Outside Service and Surveys for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Ninety-six thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Mines and Mining for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Sixty thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Parks for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding One thousand five hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Education (Refunds) for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Twenty-five thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Lands, Forests and Mines (Refunds) for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty-six thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Succession Duty (Refunds) for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous (Refunds) for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Forty-seven thousand six hundred dollars be granted to His Majesty to defray the expenses of Miscellaneous for the year ending 31st October, 1917.

The several Resolutions having been read the second time, it was,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Ninth Resolution be postponed until the next sitting of the House To-day.

The remaining Resolutions were concurred in.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Minister of Education of the Province of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 17.*)

Also—Report of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 32.*)

Also—Report of the Ontario Vegetable Growers for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 34.*)

Also—Report of Entomological Society of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 36.*)

Also—Report of the Dairymen's Association of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 37.*)

Also—Report of the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 38.*)

Also—Report of the Horticultural Societies for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 43.*)

Also—Report of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 44.*)

Also—Reports of the Inspectors of Factories for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 46.*)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Labour of the Province of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 16.*)

Also—Report of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 29.*)

Also—Report of the Agricultural Societies of the Province for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 42.*)

Also—Report of the Bureau of Industries for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 45.*)

The House then adjourned at 12.30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 18th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

Mr. Lucas, from the Standing Committee on Private Bills, presented their Ninth Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bill and report the same with certain amendments:—

Bill (No. 53), An Act respecting the Ancient Order of United Workmen of the Province of Ontario.

When the Bill came before your Committee for consideration the Committee, after hearing a general explanation of the Bill, decided that on account of its nature and far-reaching effects it was advisable to refer it to a Sub-Committee in order that the provisions of the Bill might be more fully considered.

The Bill was accordingly referred to a Sub-Committee composed of Messieurs McPherson, Bowman, Elliott, Musgrove (Huron), Irish, Sinclair and McCrea.

The Sub-Committee have unanimously reported in favour of the provisions of the Bill, with certain amendments, and that report has been unanimously approved of by the members of your Committee.

Your Committee recommend that in view of the importance of the matter to a large number of persons who are members of the Order affected, that a copy of the report of the Sub-Committee, which is hereto attached, should be printed as a Sessional Paper so that it might be available for distribution.

Ordered, That the Report of the Sub-Committee be printed for distribution, as recommended, as *Sessional Paper, No. 89.*

Mr. Hanna, from the Standing Committee on Municipal Law, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee beg to report the following Bill without amendment:—

Bill (No. 158), An Act to amend The Snow Fences Act.

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills:—

Nos. 71, 74, 97, 99, 124 and 132, to amend The Municipal Act, and such of their provisions as have been approved of have been embodied in a Bill intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1916."

Your Committee have also carefully considered Bills:—

Nos. 67, 70, 109, 110, 163 and 164, to amend The Assessment Act, and such of their provisions as have been approved of have been embodied in a Bill intituled "The Assessment Amendment Act, 1916."

Mr. McPherson, from the Standing Committee on Legal Bills, presented their Third Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the following Bills and have prepared certain amendments thereto respectively:—

Bill (No. 102), To facilitate the Execution of Trusts during the present War.

Bill (No. 131), To amend The Statute Law.

Bill (No. 135), To amend The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act.

Bill (No. 159), To amend The Public Libraries Act.

Your Committee have also carefully considered the following Bills and report the same without amendment:—

Bill (No. 86), To amend The Public Libraries Act.

Bill (No. 101), To amend The Public Schools Act.

Your Committee also carefully considered Bill (No. 117), To amend The Public Schools Act, and Bill (No. 122), To amend The Public Health Act.

And recommend that the said Bills stand over for one year and that in the meantime the Board of Health and the Board of Education of the City of Toronto under the supervision of the Chief Officer of the Provincial Board of Health shall endeavour to work out the law as at present existing to avoid the overlapping complained of.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 176), intituled "The Municipal Amendment Act, 1916."
Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 177), intituled "The Assessment Amendment Act, 1916."
Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 178), intituled "An Act to amend The Hospitals for Insane Act."
Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

Bill (No. 179), intituled "An Act to amend The Children's Protection Act."
Mr. Hanna.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider the following Bill:

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Corporations of the City of Windsor and the Towns of Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford City and Ojibway.

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Village of Mimico and the Village of New Toronto.

Bill (No. 34), Respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company and the City of Windsor.

Bill (No. 123), To confirm By-law No. 1206 of 1916 of the Township of Raleigh concerning the Raleigh Plains Drain.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be severally read the third time To-morrow.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 87), To amend The Trustee Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 68), To amend The Ontario Voters' Lists Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 136), The Statute Law Amendment Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 151), To amend The Municipal Drainage Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the third time and passed:—

Bill (No. 6), To confirm By-law No. 291 of the Village of Grimsby.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 126), To amend The Marriage Act, having been read,

Mr. Hanna moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Ham moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Carter,

That all the words of the Motion, after the word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out the figures \$5 in the thirteenth line of section 6 thereof, and by striking out the figures \$5 in the fourth line of section 7 thereof, and by substituting for the same the figures \$2.50 cts. and by striking out the words 'or increase' in the seventh and eighth lines of section 7 and by adding at the end of section 7 of the said Bill the following subsection:—

"(a) The issuer of the license or certificate shall pay to the Provincial Treasurer on the first days of April and October in each year for the use of the Province the sum of \$2.00 out of the fees received by him under this Act for each license or certificate he issues, and in case the fees payable to the issuer of the license or certificate are hereafter reduced, then the amount payable by the issuer to the Provincial Treasurer for each license or certificate issued shall be a sum which shall be in the same proportion to the full fee received by the

issuer as \$2.00 is to \$2.50, and the issuer shall on the said first days of April and October file with the Provincial Secretary a statement verified by affidavit showing the number of licenses and certificates issued by him during the preceding six months and the number of licenses and certificates remaining in his hands unissued."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following Division:

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Atkinson	Ferguson	McDonald	Proudfoot
Bowman	(Kent)	Mageau	Racine
Carter	Gillespie	Marshall	Richardson
Clarke	Grieve	Munro	Rowell
Davidson	Ham	Parliament	Studholme
Ducharme	Hurdman	Pinard	Wigle—25.
Elliott	Lowe		

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Allan	Ferguson	Irish	Owens
Black	(Simcoe)	Jaques	Preston
Brower	Ferguson	McElroy	(Durham)
Calder	(Grenville)	McFarlan	Preston
Cameron	Gamey	McGarry	(Lanark)
Carew	Gooderham	McKeown	Pyne
Cargill	Hall	Macdiarmid	Rankin
Carscallen	(Lanark)	Martyn	Robb
Chambers	Hall	Mason	Sharp
Dargavel	(Waterloo)	Morel	Shearer
Devitt	Hanna	Musgrove	Sinclair
Dunlop	Hartt	(Huron)	Sulman
Edgar	Hilliard	Nesbitt	Thompson—45.
			(Peterboro)

PAIRS—None.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again submitted,

Mr. Proudfoot moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

That all the words of the Motion after the word "That" be omitted and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time but be

forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out section 4, subsection 6."

And the Amendment, having been put, was declared to be lost on a Division.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again proposed, was carried on a Division and the Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 157), To amend The Ontario Game and Fisheries Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 174), To amend The Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act.

Referred to a Select Committee to be composed as follows:—Messieurs Macdiarmid, McGarry, Gamey, Rankin, Chambers, Owens, Bowman, Marshall, Ferguson (Kent), Gooderham, Allan and Sulman.

Bill (No. 170), To amend The Mining Act of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 56), To incorporate the Buffalo and Fort Erie Ferry and Railroad Company.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the Town of Ingersoll.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Township of York.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 52), Respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 175), To amend The Ontario Companies Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 172), To amend The Private Detectives Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 167), To amend The Hydro-Electric Railway Act and to Confirm certain By-laws and Contracts.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 169), To amend The Power Commission Act and to Confirm certain By-laws and Contracts.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 165), To amend the Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 166), To regulate the use of the Waters of the Province of Ontario for Power Development Purposes.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 168), Respecting the Public Development of Water Power in the vicinity of Niagara Falls.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve of the Clock Midnight.

WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL, 1916.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 125), The Bulk Sales Act, having been read,

Mr. McPherson moved,

That the Bill be now read the second time.

And the Motion, having been put, was lost on a Standing Division.
(Yeas 27, Nays 32.)

And so it was declared in the Negative.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 100), The Ontario Temperance Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Owens reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-day.

Mr. McPherson, from the Select Committee appointed to consider Bill (No. 83), To amend The Ontario Insurance Act, presented their Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee has carefully considered the provisions of the Bill, and are of opinion that sections 1 and 2 should become law.

That section 3, so far as it proposes to enact sections 78*a* and 78*b* of The Ontario Insurance Act, should become law, subject to the exemption therefrom of societies registered for the transaction of Sick and Funeral Benefits only.

Your Committee is of opinion that the proposed additions of sections 78*d* to 78*g* should become law, subject to the limitation that the said sections shall be applicable only to such societies as, on or before the 31st day of December, 1917, shall pass a resolution at the Annual or Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge of such Society, called for that purpose, in favour of making such sections applicable to such society, and that should such resolution be passed, the said sections should forthwith thereafter become and remain applicable to such society.

Your Committee reports the Bill with the amendments above indicated.

On Motion of Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day it do stand adjourned until half-past Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon, Mr. Speaker to leave the Chair at One of the Clock without the Question being put.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Provincial Municipal Auditor for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 8.)

Also—Report of the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 9.*)

Also—Report of the Farmers' Institutes of the Province of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 40.*)

Also—Report on the British Red Cross Fund Trafalgar Day, October 21st, 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 56.*)

The House then adjourned at 12.40 a.m.

Wednesday, April 19th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

11.30 O'CLOCK A.M.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid upon the Table:—

By Mr. Cameron, the Petition of the Town Council of Meaford; also, the Petition of the Township Council of Derby.

By Mr. Lowe, the Petition of the County Council of Peel.

Mr. Macdiarmid, from the Select Committee to which was referred Bill (No. 174), To amend The Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act, presented their Report, which was read as follows and adopted:—

Your Committee have carefully considered the Bill to them referred, and have prepared certain amendments thereto.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Resolutions reported from the Committee of Supply, the consideration whereof had been postponed.

The One hundred and ninety-seventh Resolution, respecting the expenses of the Nickel Commission, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Two hundred and sixteenth Resolution, respecting the Miscellaneous Expenses of the Attorney-General's Department, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Two hundred and twenty-first Resolution, respecting the Expenses of Miscellaneous, having been again read, was concurred in.

The Ninth Resolution, respecting the Expenses of the Treasury Department, having been again read, was concurred in.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 171), For the creation of a Provincial Committee to secure the organization of the resources of Ontario for efficient co-operation with the Federal authorities in the prosecution of the War and the maintenance of the Agricultural and Industrial Production of the Province.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Hoyle reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 106), To amend The Corporations Tax Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Eilber reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 157), To amend The Ontario Game and Fisheries Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Gamey reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The following Bill was introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 180), intituled “An Act to Confirm an Agreement between the Electric Power Company, Limited, and His Majesty the King.” Mr. Ferguson (Grenville.)

Ordered, That the Bill be read the second time To-morrow.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 162), Respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The following Bills were severally read the second time:—

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Ancient Order of United Workmen of the Province of Ontario.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 176), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1916.

3 P.M.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 177), The Assessment Amendment Act, 1916.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 178), To amend The Hospitals for Insane Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

Bill (No. 179), To amend The Children's Protection Act.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 172), To amend The Private Detectives Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 175), To amend The Ontario Companies Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 128), To amend The Highway Travel Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 129), To amend The Motor Vehicles Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 158), To amend The Snow Fences Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 170), To amend The Mining Act of Ontario, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 159), To amend The Public Libraries Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the provisions of the Bill be incorporated with Bill (No. 86), To amend The Public Libraries Act.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 86), To amend The Public Libraries Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 101), To amend The Public Schools Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 102), To facilitate the Execution of Trusts during the present War, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 177), The Assessment Amendment Act, 1916, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 178), To amend The Hospitals for Insane Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 56), To incorporate the Buffalo and Fort Erie Ferry and Railroad Company.

Bill (No. 20), Respecting the Town of Ingersoll.

Bill (No. 38), Respecting the Township of York.

Bill (No. 52), Respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments.

Ordered, That the Bills reported, be read the third time forthwith.

The several Bills were then severally read the third time and passed.

Mr. Evanturel asked the following Question: —

Is there any trouble at present between the High School in Plantagenet, County of Prescott, and the Department of Education through failure to comply with the regulations regarding qualified teachers. Will the pupils at

the Plantagenet High School be permitted to write upon the Department Examinations in June next.

To which the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines (as Acting Minister of Education) replied in the words following:—

1. Yes. 2. As the School Board has not complied with the school law as to the adequate teaching of Science to the pupils, the Minister cannot, under the Regulations, allow the candidates to write upon the Departmental Examinations.

On Motion of Mr. Evanturel, seconded by Mr. Racine,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:—1. The total amount of grants refused to French-English schools in the County of Prescott since 1914. 2. Is it the intention of the Government to reimburse these schools with the amount of the grants so refused since 1914. 3. What are the numbers of schools in the Township of Alfred which have been deprived of grants since 1912.

On Motion of Mr. Pinard, seconded by Mr. Ducharme,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return shewing:—1. The amount of the arrears of salary of the teachers of Separate and Bilingual Schools in the City of Ottawa to date, particularizing the arrears of each teacher, naming them. 2. What is the cause of such arrears.

On Motion of Mr. Munro, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return shewing:—1. If the T. & N. O. Railway quoted any special rate, not authorized by its tariff, or been parties to the quotation of a special rate, from any point or points in Ontario to Western Canada. If so, to what shipper or shippers has such rate been given.

On Motion of Mr. Pinard, seconded by Mr. Ducharme,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of copies of all correspondence between the Government, the Minister of Education, acting Minister of Education or any officer or official of the Government and all persons, firms, commissions or corporations with reference to any action, advice.

instruction or opinion given or received by the Government, the Minister of Education, acting Minister of Education, or any officer or official of the Government in regard to the enforcement or carrying out of Regulation 17 in the City of Ottawa.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 107), To amend The Succession Duty Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 136), "The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916," having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 88), To amend The Division Courts Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 138), To amend The Mechanics' and Wage-Earners' Lien Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 139), Respecting the Custody of Certain Documents, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

On Motion of Mr. Rowell, seconded by Mr. McGarry, it was

Resolved, That the Legislative Assembly of Ontario desires to express its grateful appreciation of the courage and valour in action of Ontario's sons who are so freely giving their lives in our defence and for the preservation of the rights of democracy and humanity.

We recognize the fine courage and public spirit of the officers and men who have enlisted for overseas service, and assure them that a grateful people will await with confidence the record of their sacrifice and achievement.

We also recognize the worthy part now being taken in this great conflict by the citizens of our Province who are members of His Majesty's Imperial Forces and the forces of our Allies, who so cheerfully responded to their countries' call, and to assure them that the land of their adoption is not forgetful of the value of their service to the allied cause.

That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Speaker of this Assembly, through the proper channels, to the commanding officers of our Ontario troops in France, Great Britain and this Province and to the proper authorities resident in Canada of the Allied Nations.

Mr. Davidson moved, seconded by Mr. Parliament,

That in view of the Report of the Inspector of Feeble-Minded, presented to this House by the Hon. Provincial Secretary, referring to the condition of the feeble-minded in Ontario, in which it is stated:—

“We try to teach them in our schools things that they cannot learn, and require them to do things that only normal people can do. The lower grades are neglected and utterly miserable. There are families of imbeciles in Ontario who are degraded beyond description and degrading others. We are not dealing with the problem itself, but only with a symptom here and there. The disease shows in our schools, orphanages, children’s aid societies, courts, refuges, prisons, and instead of diagnosing it and employing suitable remedies, we shut our eyes and let the body politic suffer harm and loss. For this the Province pays. The people pay. The national character is by so much degenerated, by so much degraded,” and

“Our plans have lacked grasp, vision, imagination and common sense. We have not looked at the facts. We have been putting that off for a more convenient season. Now we are slowly and unwillingly opening our eyes to see that all our plans must be thrown away as ill-judged and inadequate. We must begin over again. We must deal with our problem as it is. It is the largest and most serious social problem before municipal and provincial governments to-day. It is as large and as serious as the care of the insane, and it is at the same time more difficult and more hopeful,”

This House requests the Government to formulate and submit to the Legislature, at its next Session, suitable and adequate plans to meet the serious conditions disclosed in the said Report.

Mr. Morel moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. McPherson,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word “That” be struck out and the following substituted therefor, “this Legislature views with satisfaction the good work that is being done and the progress being made in the care and treatment of the feeble-minded in this Province and regard with special satisfaction the success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Joseph P. Downey, Superintendent of the Hospital for Feeble-Minded at Orillia, in this

direction. This House heartily approves the action of the Government in increasing the accommodation for the feeble-minded and in making better provision for their care and training."

Mr. Rowell moved in amendment to the Amendment, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,

That all the words of the Amendment after the word "That" be struck out and the following be added to the main Motion:—"And this House recognizes the urgency of prompt action to meet the situation which confronts us."

And the Amendment to the Amendment having been put, was lost on a Division.

The Amendment, having been then put, was carried on a Division.

The Main Motion, as amended, having been then put, was carried, and it was

Resolved, That this Legislature views with satisfaction the good work that is being done and the progress being made in the care and treatment of the feeble-minded in this Province, and regards with especial satisfaction the success which has attended the efforts of Mr. Joseph P. Downey, Superintendent of the Hospital for Feeble-Minded at Orillia, in this direction. This House heartily approves the action of the Government in increasing the accommodation for the feeble-minded, and in making better provision for their care and training.

8 P.M.

Mr. Sulman, from the Standing Committee on Printing, presented their Second Report, which was read as follows:—

Your Committee recommend that the following documents be printed:—

Report of the Municipal Auditor for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 8.)

Report of the Commissioners for the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 9.)

Report of the Bureau of Labour for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 16.)

Report of the Minister of Education for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 17.)

Report on the Hospitals for Idiots and Epileptics for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 23.*)

Report of the Minister of Agriculture for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 29.*)

Report of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 30.*)

Report of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 32.*)

Report of the Ontario Corn Growers' Association for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 33.*)

Report of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 34.*)

Report of the Bee-keepers' Association for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 35.*)

Report of the Entomological Society of Ontario for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 36.*)

Report of the Dairymen's Associations for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 37.*)

Report of the Stallion Enrolment Board for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 38.*)

Report of the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 39.*)

Report of the Farmers' Institutes for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 40.*)

Report of the Women's Institutes for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 41.*)

Report and appendix thereof of the Agricultural Societies for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 42.*)

Report of the Horticultural Societies for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 43.*)

Report of the Fruit Growers' Association for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 44.*)

Report of the Bureau of Industries for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 45.*)

Report of the Factory Inspectors for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 46.*)

Report of the Workmen's Compensation Board for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 54.*)

Report of the British Red Cross Fund, Trafalgar Day, October 21st, 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 56.*)

Report of the Monteith Demonstration Farm for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers, No. 62.*)

Report of Sub-committee on Bill No. 53. (*Sessional Papers, No. 89.*)

Report of the Bureau of Mines. (*Sessional Papers, No. 4.*)

Report upon the Feeble-Minded and Epileptics. (*Sessional Papers, No. 23.*)

Report of the Veterinary College. (*Sessional Papers, No. 31.*)

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

On Motion of Mr. Sulman, seconded by Mr. Hook,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the First Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 64), To amend The Public Health Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McCrea reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Mr. Hanna then moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Proudfoot moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Studholme,

That all the words of the Motion after the word "That" be omitted and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out section 5 thereof."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon a Standing Vote.
(24 to 26).

The Motion for the third reading have been then again put, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

On Motion of Mr. Hanna, seconded by Mr. Pyne,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself in a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting The Ontario Temperance Act.

Mr. Pyne acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved—1. That the license duty annually payable for a Vendor's license under The Ontario Temperance Act shall be the sum of \$5.00.

2. That the fee payable for the extension of a tavern or shop license issued under The Liquor License Act to take effect from the 1st day of May, 1916, to the 16th day of September following, both days inclusive, shall for each such license be the sum of \$5.00.

3. That the fee payable for the extension of Brewers', Distillers' and Wholesale Dealers' licenses for the same period for each such license the sum of \$5.00.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Donovan reported the Resolutions as follows:—

Resolved—1. That the license duty annually payable for a Vendor's license under The Ontario Temperance Act shall be the sum of \$5.00.

2. That the fee payable for the extension of a tavern or shop license issued under The Liquor License Act to take effect from the 1st day of May, 1916, to the 16th day of September following, both days inclusive, shall for each such license be the sum of \$5.00.

3. That the fee payable for the extension of Brewers', Distillers' and Wholesale Dealers' licenses for the same period for each such license the sum of \$5.00.

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 100), The Ontario Temperance Act.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 176), The Municipal Amendment Act, 1916, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 179), To amend The Children's Protection Act, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The House again resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 100), The Ontario Temperance Act, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Donovan reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments, having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

On Motion of Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), seconded by Mr. McGarry,

Resolved, That this House do forthwith resolve itself in a Committee of the Whole to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting confirmation of agreement with Electric Power Company, Limited.

Mr. Pyne acquainted the House that His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, having been informed of the subject matter of the proposed Resolutions, recommends them to the consideration of the House.

The House then resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

1. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Ontario be authorized to issue debentures of the Province of Ontario to the amount of \$8,350,000, payable at the office of the Treasurer of Ontario, Toronto, Canada, or the agency of the Bank of Montreal in the City of New York, United States of America, or at the agency of the said Bank in the City of London, England, at the holder's option in debentures of \$1,000 each, bearing date the first day of March, 1916, and payable in gold coin on the first day of March, A.D. 1926, and with coupons to be attached for payment of interest at the rate of 4 *per cent. per annum*, payable in gold coin, half-yearly, at the office of the Treasurer of Ontario, Toronto, Canada, or at the agency of the Bank of Montreal in the City of New York,

United States of America, or at the agency of the said Bank in the City of London, England, at the option of the holder of the debentures, on the first day of March and the first day of September in each year until the principal falls due.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Ontario be authorized, at the request of the holders of the said debentures from time to time, or any of them, to have the same registered in the office of the Treasurer of Ontario.

3. *Resolved*, That the said debentures, upon their issue, shall be delivered to the Electric Power Company, Limited, in full discharge of the purchase money agreed to be paid by the Crown under the Contract of Purchase Schedule "A" to the Act, and neither His Majesty, or the Treasurer of Ontario, or any member of the Government of Ontario shall be bound to see to the application of the said debentures or of the proceeds thereof.

4. *Resolved*, That the said debentures, and the interest thereon, shall be a charge upon, and shall be payable out of "*The Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.*"

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. McCrea reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. McCrea reported the Resolutions as follows:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Ontario be authorized to issue debentures of the Province of Ontario to the amount of \$8,350,000, payable at the office of the Treasurer of Ontario, Toronto, Canada, or the agency of the Bank of Montreal in the City of New York, United States of America, or at the agency of the said Bank in the City of London, England, at the holder's option in debentures of \$1,000 each, bearing date the first day of March, 1916, and payable in gold coin on the first day of March, A.D. 1926, and with coupons to be attached for payment of interest at the rate of 4 *per cent. per annum*, payable in gold coin, half-yearly, at the office of the Treasurer of Ontario, Toronto, Canada, or at the agency of the Bank of Montreal in the City of New York, United States of America, or at the agency of the said Bank in the City of London, England, at the option of the holder of the debentures, on the first day of March and the first day of September in each year until the principal falls due.

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Ontario be authorized, at the request of the holders of the said debentures from time to time, or any of them, to have the same registered in the office of the Treasurer of Ontario.

3. *Resolved*, That the said debentures, upon their issue, shall be delivered to the Electric Power Company, Limited, in full discharge of the purchase money agreed to be paid by the Crown under the Contract of Purchase Schedule "A" to the Act, and neither His Majesty, or the Treasurer of Ontario, or any member of the Government of Ontario shall be bound to see to the application of the said debentures or of the proceeds thereof.

4. *Resolved*, That the said debentures, and the interest thereon, shall be a charge upon, and shall be payable out of "*The Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.*"

The Resolutions having been read the second time, were agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Bill (No. 180), To confirm an Agreement between the Electric Power Company and His Majesty the King.

And the House having continued to sit until Twelve of the Clock Midnight.

THURSDAY, 20TH APRIL, 1916.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 166), To regulate the use of the Waters of the Province of Ontario for Power Development Purposes, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 167), To amend The Hydro-Electric Railway Act and to confirm certain By-laws and Contracts, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 169), To amend The Power Commission Act and to confirm certain By-laws and Contracts, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill with certain amendments.

Ordered, That the Amendments be taken into consideration forthwith.

The Amendments having been read the second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 168), Respecting the Public Development of Water Power in the vicinity of Niagara Falls, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 165), To amend The Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 162), Respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee, severally to consider the following Bills:—

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Town of Burlington.

Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the Town of Kingsdale.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Ancient Order of United Workmen of the Province of Ontario.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the several Bills without amendments:

Ordered, That the Bills reported be severally read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 174), To amend The Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 76), To regulate the Load of Vehicles Operated on Highways, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 149), To amend The Ontario Highways Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 131), To amend the Statute Law, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 135), To amend The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The House resolved itself into a Committee to consider Bill (No. 83), To amend The Ontario Insurance Act, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The following Bill was read the second time:—

Bill (No. 180), To confirm an Agreement between the Electric Power Company, Limited, and His Majesty the King.

Referred to a Committee of the Whole House forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had directed him to report the Bill without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-day.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means having been read,

Mr. McGarry moved,

That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, and that the House do resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Carter moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Marshall,

That all the words of the motion after the word "That" be stricken out and the following substituted therefor: "in view of the fact that the nickel and copper matte produced in this Province in the year 1915 by the Canadian Copper Company (a subsidiary company of the International Nickel Company), was of the value of \$17,000,000 or thereabouts, according to the price or value fixed by the Government of this Province for nickel and copper matte, as appears in the bulletin issued by the Crown Lands Department, and in view of the fact that the cost of production of the said nickel and copper matte, based upon the returns filed by the Canadian Copper Company with the Government, should not exceed \$2,000,000, leaving the profits of the said company upon the said nickel approximately \$15,000,000, and the tax thereon \$410,000, under the provisions of The Mining Tax Act; and in view of the fact that the Government is taxing the said company only \$40,000, thereby relieving the said company without justification or excuse from paying \$370,000, justly due by the said Company to the Province for taxation under the said Act;

"This House regrets the failure of the Government to demand and secure from the Canadian Copper Company the tax properly payable by it under the law of the Province, thereby causing a financial loss to the Province of \$370,000 at least for the one year only;

“And this House calls upon the Government to require the Canadian Copper Company to pay, for the year 1916, a tax upon the basis of the real profits made by the said company as provided by the law of the Province.”

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on a Division.

The Main Motion, having been then again submitted, was carried, and the House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee.

(In the Committee.)

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province a sum not exceeding Fifteen millions five hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$15,525,851.59), to meet the Supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported. That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received forthwith.

Mr. Thompson (Simcoe), from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a Resolution, which read as follows:—

Resolved, That there be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province, a sum not exceeding Fifteen millions five hundred and twenty-five thousand eight hundred and fifty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$15,525,851.59), to meet the Supply to that extent granted to His Majesty.

The Resolution, having been read a second time, was agreed to.

The following Bill was then read the second time:—

Bill (No. 173), intituled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money to defray the expenses of Civil Government for the year ending 31st October, One thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and for the year ending 31st day of October, One thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and for other purposes therein mentioned.”

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the third time and passed.

Bill (No. 59), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 76), To regulate the Load of Vehicles Operated on Highways.

Bill (No. 128), To amend The Highway Travel Act.

Bill (No. 129), To amend The Motor Vehicles Act.

Bill (No. 149), To amend The Ontario Highways Act, 1915.

Bill (No. 77), To amend The Evidence Act.

Bill (No. 158), To amend The Snow Fences Act.

Bill (No. 170), To amend The Mining Act of Ontario.

Bill (No. 159), To amend The Public Libraries Act.

Bill (No. 86), To amend The Public Libraries Act.

Bill (No. 102), To facilitate the Execution of Trusts during the present War.

Bill (No. 135), To amend The Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act.

Bill (No. 83), To amend The Ontario Insurance Act.

Bill (No. 60), To establish the Trades and Labour Branch.

Bill (No. 61), To amend The Natural Gas and Oil Wells Act.

Bill (No. 62), Respecting the Greater Winnipeg Water District.

Bill (No. 69), To amend The Fire Marshals Act.

Bill (No. 80), To amend The Steam Boiler Act.

Bill (No. 81), Respecting Juvenile Courts.

Bill (No. 88), To amend The Division Courts Act.

Bill (No. 114), To amend The Motor Vehicles Act.

Bill (No. 118), To amend The Act to Aid in the Improvement of Public Highways.

Bill (No. 119), To amend The Municipal Act.

Bill (No. 133), To amend The Law Society Act.

Bill (No. 105), The Amusement Tax Act.

Bill (No. 108), To amend The Workmen's Compensation Act.

Bill (No. 19), Respecting the City of Kingston.

Bill (No. 37), Respecting the Village of New Toronto.

Bill (No. 134), To amend The University Act.

Bill (No. 138), To amend The Mechanics' and Wage-Earners' Lien Act.

Bill (No. 139), Respecting the Custody of Certain Documents.

Bill (No. 12), Respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company.

Bill (No. 47), To confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Aurora.

Bill (No. 140), To amend The Ontario Telephone Act.

Bill (No. 142), To amend The Provincial War Tax Act.

Bill (No. 143), To amend The Wolf Bounty Act.

Bill (No. 144), To amend The Tile Drainage Act.

Bill (No. 145), To amend The Municipal Drainage Aid Act.

Bill (No. 146), To amend The Dog Tax and Sheep Protection Act.

Bill (No. 103), To improve the quality of Dairy Products.

Bill (No. 148), To amend The Mining Act of Ontario.

Bill (No. 152), For raising Money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

Bill (No. 24), Respecting the Township of Osgoode in the County of Carleton.

Bill (No. 46), Respecting the City of Toronto.

Bill (No. 55), Respecting the City of Ottawa.

Bill (No. 7), To Confirm By-law No. 589 of the Village of Eganville.

Bill (No. 137), The Soldiers' Aid Commission Act.

Bill (No. 79), To amend The Highways Improvement Act.

Bill (No. 85), To amend The Municipal Arbitrations Act.

Bill (No. 91), To amend The Snow Fences Act.

Bill (No. 115), To amend The Noxious Weeds Act.

Bill (No. 72), To amend The Statute Labour Act.

Bill (No. 111), To amend the Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Bill (No. 153), To amend The Public Health Act.

Bill (No. 156), To amend The Ontario Election Act.

Bill (No. 151), To amend The Municipal Drainage Act.

Bill (No. 87), To amend The Trustee Act.

Bill (No. 68), To amend The Ontario Voters' Lists Act.

Bill (No. 48), Respecting the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company.

Bill (No. 27), Respecting the Corporations of the City of Windsor and the Towns of Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford City and Ojibway.

Bill (No. 36), Respecting the Village of Mimico and the Village of New Toronto.

Bill (No. 34), Respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company and the City of Windsor.

Bill (No. 123), To confirm By-law No. 1206 of 1916 of the Township of Raleigh concerning the Raleigh Plains Drain.

Bill (No. 18), Respecting the Town of Burlington.

Bill (No. 41), To incorporate the Police Village of Kingsdale.

Bill (No. 53), Respecting the Ancient Order of United Workmen of the Province of Ontario.

Bill (No. 165), To amend an Act to authorize and confirm grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

Bill (No. 166), To regulate the use of the Waters of the Province of Ontario for Power Development Purposes.

Bill (No. 167), To amend The Hydro-Electric Railway Act and to confirm certain By-laws and Contracts.

Bill (No. 169), To amend The Power Commission Act and to confirm certain By-laws and Contracts.

Bill (No. 162), Respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents.

Bill (No. 171), For the creation of a Provincial Committee to secure the organization of the resources of Ontario for efficient co-operation with the Federal authorities in the prosecution of the War and the maintenance of the Agricultural and Industrial Production of the Province.

Bill (No. 177), The Assessment Amendment Act, 1916.

Bill (No. 178), To amend The Hospitals for Insane Act.

Bill (No. 174), To amend The Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 15), To incorporate the Village of Erie Beach, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 150), To amend The Northern and Northwestern Ontario Development Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be forthwith again referred to a Committee of the Whole, with instructions to amend the same.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Thompson (Simcoe) reported, That the Committee had amended the Bill as directed.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time forthwith.

The Bill was then read the third time, and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 147), Respecting the Licensing of Provincial Auctioneers of Pure Bred Stock, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged and the Bill withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 95), To amend The Power Commission Act, having been read,

Mr. McGarry moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Carter moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Gillespie,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be omitted and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by providing that the municipal corporations for which the Commission is a Trustee under the agreements entered into by the said municipal corporations with the Commission shall be entitled to appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Commission from time to time, and at least once every year; and unless the said municipal corporations otherwise agree, the said auditor may be appointed by The Ontario Municipal Electrical Association, as representing the said municipal corporations."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following Division:

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Bowman	Ferguson	Hurdman	Richardson
Carter	(Kent)	Lowe	Rowell
Davidson	Gillespie	Marshall	Studholme
Ducharme	Grieve	Parliament	Wigle—18.
Elliott	Ham	Proudfoot	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Allan	Ferguson	McCrea	Preston
Bennewies	(Grenville)	McElroy	(Lanark)
Brower	Gooderham	McGarry	Pyne
Calder	Hall	McKeown	Rankin
Cameron	(Lanark)	McPherson	Regan
Carew	Hall	Macdiarmid	Robb
Cargill	(Waterloo)	Martyn	Rykert
Chambers	Henry	Mason	Sharp
Crawford	Hilliard	Mills	Sinclair
Dargavel	Hook	Morel	Sulman
Devitt	Jaques	Musgrove	Thompson
Duff	Jarvis	(Huron)	(Simcoe)
Edgar	Jessop	Musgrove	Thompson
Eilber	Johnson	(N. Falls)	(Peterboro)
Ferguson	Lennox	Nesbitt	Torrance—54.
(Simcoe)	Lucas	Owens	

PAIRS.

Hearst.....	Tolmie.
Shearer.....	Pinard.
Irish.....	Mageau.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again submitted,

Mr. Carter moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Studholme.

That all the words of the motion after the first word "That" be omitted and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read a third time, but be

forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by providing that the Comptroller to be appointed under the said Act shall be appointed by the Commission, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council."

And the Amendment having been put, was declared to be lost on a Division.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again proposed,

Mr. Rowell moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be omitted and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by adding as Section 3 thereof the following:—

"3.—Section 2 of the said Act is hereby amended by inserting after the word 'council' in the fifth line thereof the following: 'and one of whom may be nominated by the municipal corporations for which the Commission is a Trustee under the agreements entered into by the said municipal corporations with the Commission; and unless the said municipal corporations otherwise agree, the said nomination may be made by The Ontario Municipal Electric Association representing said corporations;'"

and by adding as Section 4 thereof the following:—

"4. Section 4 of the said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'the person appointed to the Commission upon the nomination of the municipal corporations shall not be removable, except for cause, without the consent of the said corporations.'"

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following Division:

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Bowman	Ferguson	Hurdman	Richardson
Carter	(Kent)	Lowe	Rowell
Davidson	Gillespie	Marshall	Studholme
Ducharme	Grieve	Parliament	Wigle—18.
Elliott	Ham	Proudfoot	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Allan	Ferguson	McCrea	Preston
Bennewies	(Grenville)	McElroy	(Lanark)
Brower	Gooderham	McGarry	Pyne
Calder	Hall	McKeown	Rankin
Cameron	(Lanark)	McPherson	Regan
Carew	Hall	Macdiarmid	Robb
Cargill	(Waterloo)	Martyn	Rykert
Chambers	Henry	Mason	Sharp
Crawford	Hilliard	Mills	Sinclair
Dargavel	Hook	Morel	Sulman
Devitt	Jaques	Musgrove	Thompson
Duff	Jarvis	(Huron)	(Simcoe)
Edgar	Jessop	Musgrove	Thompson
Eilber	Johnson	(N. Falls)	(Peterboro)
Ferguson	Lennox	Nesbitt	Torrance—54.
(Simcoe)	Lucas	Owens	

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Hearst.....	Tolmie.
Shearer.....	Pinard.
Irish.....	Mageau.

The Motion for the third reading, having been again put, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

Ordered, That the provisions of the Bill be incorporated with those of Bill (No. 169), To amend the Power Commission Act and to confirm certain By-laws and Contracts.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 136), The Statute Law Amendment Act, having been read,

Mr. Lucas moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Proudfoot moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Bowman,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but

be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by striking out Paragraph 10 thereof."

And the Amendment, having been put, was declared to be lost on a Division.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again proposed, was carried and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 180), To confirm an Agreement between The Electric Power Company, Limited, and His Majesty the King, having been read.

Mr. Ferguson (Grenville), moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Parliament moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Grieve,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be omitted, and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend Paragraph 6 thereof by providing that the municipalities now or which may hereafter become interested in the development and distribution of the power covered by the agreement and in the properties purchased under the agreement may have the opportunity of acquiring the ownership thereof upon terms similar to those enjoyed by the municipalities now being served with Hydro power in other sections of the Province."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost upon the following Division:

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Bowman	Ferguson	Hurdman	Richardson
Carter	(Kent)	Lowe	Rowell
Davidson	Gillespie	Marshall	Studholme
Ducharme	Grieve	Parliament	Wigle—18.
Elliott	Ham	Proudfoot	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Allan	Ferguson	McCrea	Preston
Bennewies	(Grenville)	McElroy	(Lanark)
Brower	Gooderham	McGarry	Pyne
Calder	Hall	McKeown	Rankin
Cameron	(Lanark)	McPherson	Regan
Carew	Hall	Macdiarmid	Robb
Cargill	(Waterloo)	Martyn	Rykert
Chambers	Henry	Mason	Sharp
Crawford	Hilliard	Mills	Sinclair
Dargavel	Hook	Morel	Sulman
Devitt	Jaques	Musgrove	Thompson
Duff	Jarvis	(Huron)	(Simcoe)
Edgar	Jessop	Musgrove	Thompson
Eilber	Johnson	(N. Falls)	(Peterboro)
Ferguson	Lennox	Nesbitt	Torrance—54.
(Simcoe)	Lucas	Owens	

PAIRS.

Messieurs:

Hearst.....	Tolmie.
Shearer.....	Pinard.
Irish.....	Mageau.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again put,

Mr. Gillespie moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Lowe,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be omitted and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend paragraph 7 thereof by providing that the management and control of the properties purchased under the agreement shall be forthwith turned over to The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario to control, manage and administer the same."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following Division:

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Bowman	Ferguson	Hurdman	Richardson
Carter	(Kent)	Lowe	Rowell
Davidson	Gillespie	Marshall	Studholme
Ducharme	Grieve	Parliament	Wigle—18.
Elliott	Ham	Proudfoot	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Allan	Ferguson	McCrea	Preston
Bennewies	(Grenville)	McElroy	(Lanark)
Brower	Gooderham	McGarry	Pyne
Calder	Hall	McKeown	Rankin
Cameron	(Lanark)	McPherson	Regan
Carew	Hall	Maediarmid	Robb
Cargill	(Waterloo)	Martyn	Rykert
Chambers	Henry	Mason	Sharp
Crawford	Hilliard	Mills	Sinclair
Dargavel	Hook	Morel	Sulman
Devitt	Jaques	Musgrove	Thompson
Duff	Jarvis	(Huron)	(Simcoe)
Edgar	Jessop	Musgrove	Thompson
Eilber	Johnson	(N. Falls)	(Peterboro)
Ferguson	Lennox	Nesbitt	Torrance—54.
(Simcoe)	Lucas	Owens	

PAIRS.

Hearst.....	Tolmie.
Shearer.....	Pinard.
Irish.....	Mageau.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again submitted, was carried, and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of Bill (No. 168), Respecting the Public Development of Water Power in the Vicinity of Niagara Falls, having been read,

Mr. Lucas moved,

That the Bill be now read the third time.

Mr. Proudfoot moved in Amendment, seconded by Mr. Elliott,

That all the words of the Motion after the first word "That" be omitted and the following substituted: "the Bill be not now read the third time, but be forthwith re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House with instructions to amend the same by providing that the municipalities now under agreements with the Commission for the supply of power from the Niagara system, and such other municipalities as may hereafter become entitled to receive power from the said system, may acquire the ownership of the power development at Niagara authorized by the Act upon terms and conditions similar to those upon which they are acquiring ownership of the transmission lines and distributing system."

And the Amendment, having been put, was lost on the following Division:

YEAS.

Messieurs:

Bowman	Ferguson	Hurdman	Richardson
Carter	(Kent)	Lowe	Rowell
Davidson	Gillespie	Marshall	Studholme
Ducharme	Grieve	Parliament	Wigle—18.
Elliott	Ham	Proudfoot	

NAYS.

Messieurs:

Allan	Ferguson	McCrea	Preston
Bennewies	(Grenville)	McElroy	(Lanark)
Brower	Gooderham	McGarry	Pyne
Calder	Hall	McKeown	Rankin
Cameron	(Lanark)	McPherson	Regan
Carew	Hall	Macdiarmid	Robb
Cargill	(Waterloo)	Martyn	Rykert
Chambers	Henry	Mason	Sharp
Crawford	Hilliard	Mills	Sinclair
Dargavel	Hook	Morel	Sulman
Devitt	Jaques	Musgrove	Thompson
Duff	Jarvis	(Huron)	(Simcoe)
Edgar	Jessop	Musgrove	Thompson
Eilber	Johnson	(N. Falls)	(Peterboro)
Ferguson	Lennox	Nesbitt	Torrance—54.
(Simcoe)	Lucas	Owens	

PAIRS.

Hearst.....	Tolmie.
Shearer.....	Pinard.
Irish.....	Mageau.

The Motion for the third reading having been then again put, was carried and the Bill was read the third time and passed.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 94), To amend The Ontario Voters' Lists Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of Bill (No. 93), To amend The Municipal Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 101), To amend The Public Schools Act, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 131), To amend The Statute Law, having been read,

Ordered, That the Order be discharged, and that the Bill be withdrawn.

Mr. Lennox, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented their Report, which was read, (*Appendix No. 1.*)

The Order of the Day for the House again to resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Rules and Orders of the House, being read, it was

Ordered, That the Order be discharged and proceedings, for this year, ended in the matter of the Revised Rules of the House.

On Motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Duff,

Resolved, That the full Sessional Indemnity be paid to those members absent on account of military duty, and to those absent on account of illness, or other unavoidable cause.

The following Bills were severally introduced and read the first time:—

Bill (No. 181), intituled "An Act respecting the Superannuation of certain Teachers and Inspectors." Mr. Pyne.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed for consideration and distribution.

Bill (No. 182), intituled "An Act to provide for the construction of Township Roads by Local Assessment." Mr. Macdiarmid.

Ordered, That the Bill be printed for consideration and distribution.

On Motion of Mr. Pyne, seconded by Mr. Lucas,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns To-day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday next, the Twenty-seventh day of April instant, at Three of the clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Hanna presented to the House, by command of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor:—

Report of the Bureau of Mines for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 4.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Hospital for Feeble-Minded in Orillia and the Hospital for Epileptics, Woodstock. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 23.)

Also—Report of the Ontario Veterinary College for the year 1915. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 31.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 3rd March, 1915, for a Return shewing:—1. How many permanent officials and employees of all classes were engaged in the inside Civil Service on the 1st days of January, 1905 and 1915 respectively. 2. How many permanent officials and employees of all classes were engaged on the outside service on the 1st days of January, 1905 and 1915 respectively. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 90.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House for a Return shewing:—1. Copies of all correspondence between the Government of Ontario and any member or official and the Government of the Dominion of Canada or any member or official thereof, with reference to the Report of the Dominion Government Commission on Technical Education and as to any action to be taken upon the basis of the said report or otherwise in connection with Technical Education. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 91.)

Also—Return to an Order of the House of the 11th April, 1916, for a Return shewing:—1. If the T. & N. O. Railway was, within the past twelve months, asked to quote rates on the shipment of 6,000 tons of fabricated steel, or some quantity of fabricated steel, from Sarnia to Regina. 2. If the T. & N. O. Railway was asked to quote rates, who were the shippers or parties requesting the rates; and what was the amount of steel involved; and what were the rates quoted. 3. If rates were quoted, how did these rates compare with the tariff rates in the tariff approved by the Board of Railway Commissioners for the quantities of steel and the haul in question. (*Sessional Papers, No. 92.*)

Also—Return to an Order of the House for a Return shewing if the Government received any statement from the Government of Great Britain, or from any other source, with reference to the use made of the flour contributed by the Province of Ontario to the Mother Country, of the value of \$780,468.70. 2. If so, how was the flour used or disposed of. (*Sessional Papers, No. 93.*)

The House then adjourned at 2.55 a.m.

Thursday, April 27th, 1916.

PRAYERS.

3 O'CLOCK P.M.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor proceeded in State to the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly and being seated upon the Throne.

Mr. Speaker addressed His Honour in the following words:—

May it Please Your Honour:

The Legislative Assembly of the Province, having at the present Sittings thereof, passed several Bills, to which in the name and on behalf of the said Legislative Assembly, I respectfully request Your Honour's Assent.

The Clerk Assistant then read the Titles of the Acts that had passed, severally as follows:—

An Act for Raising Money on the Credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Ontario.

An Act respecting the Central Provincial Committee of the Military Hospitals Commission, known as the "Soldiers' Aid Commission of Ontario."

An Act for the creation of a Provincial Committee to secure the organization of the resources of Ontario for efficient co-operation with the Federal Authorities in the prosecution of the war, and the maintenance of the Agricultural and Industrial Production of the Province.

An Act to amend the Ontario Voters' Lists Act.

An Act to amend the Ontario Election Laws.

An Act to amend the Succession Duty Act.

An Act to amend the Corporations Tax Act.

An Act to increase the Supplementary Revenue of Ontario.

An Act to amend the Provincial War Tax Act.

An Act to amend the Northern and North-Western Ontario Development Act.

An Act to amend the Mining Act of Ontario.

An Act to establish the Trades and Labour Branch.

An Act to amend the Act to aid in the Improvement of Public Highways.

An Act to amend the Ontario Highways Act, 1915.

An Act to amend the Toronto and Hamilton Highway Commission Act.

An Act respecting the Greater Winnipeg Water District.

An Act to confirm an Agreement between the Electric Power Company, Limited, and His Majesty the King.

An Act to amend the Power Commission Act and to confirm certain By-laws and Contracts.

An Act respecting the Public Development of Water Power in the vicinity of Niagara Falls.

An Act to regulate the use of the waters of the Province of Ontario for Power Development Purposes.

An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Aid Act.

An Act to amend the Tile Drainage Act.

The Statute Law Amendment Act, 1916.

An Act respecting the Custody of Certain Records.

An Act to amend the Division Courts Act.

An Act to amend the Mortgagors' and Purchasers' Relief Act.

An Act to amend the Trustee Act.

An Act to facilitate the Execution of Trusts during the Present War.

An Act to amend the Mechanics' and Wage-Earners' Lien Act.

An Act to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.

An Act to amend the Marriage Act.

An Act to amend the Law Society Act.

An Act to amend the Private Detectives Act.

An Act to amend the Ontario Companies Act.

An Act to amend the Ontario Insurance Act.

An Act to amend the Hydro-Electric Railway Act and to confirm certain By-laws and Contracts.

An Act to amend the Ontario Telephone Act.

The Municipal Amendment Act, 1916.

An Act to amend an Act to authorize and confirm Grants by Municipal Corporations for Patriotic Purposes.

The Assessment Amendment Act, 1916.

An Act to amend the Statute Labour Act.

An Act to amend the Municipal Drainage Aid Act.

An Act to amend the Municipal Arbitrations Act.

An Act to amend the Public Libraries Act.

An Act to amend the Highway Travel Act.

An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles Act.

An Act to amend the Snow Fences Act.

An Act to regulate the Load of Vehicles operated on Highways.

An Act intituled, "The Ontario Temperance Act."

An Act to amend the Public Health Act.

An Act to improve the quality of Dairy Products.

An Act to amend the Children's Protection Act of Ontario.

An Act respecting Juvenile Courts.

An Act to amend the Fire Marshals Act.

An Act to amend the Dog Tax and Sheep Protection Act.

An Act to amend the Natural Gas and Oil Wells Act.

An Act to amend the Steam Boiler Act.

An Act to amend the Noxious Weeds Act.

An Act to amend the Ontario Game and Fisheries Act.

An Act to amend the Wolf Bounty Act.

An Act respecting the Compulsory School Attendance of Adolescents.

An Act to amend the University Act.

An Act to amend the Hospitals for Insane Act.

An Act to confirm certain By-laws of the Town of Aurora.

An Act respecting the Town of Bowmanville.

An Act respecting the Town of Burlington.

An Act to confirm certain By-laws of the Township of Chapleau.

An Act to confirm By-law No. 589 of the Village of Eganville.

An Act to incorporate the Village of Erie Beach.

An Act respecting the City of Galt.

An Act to confirm By-law No. 291 of the Village of Grimsby. ,

An Act respecting the City of Guelph.

An Act respecting the Town of Ingersoll.

An Act to erect the Police Village of Kingsdale.

An Act respecting the City of Kingston.

An Act respecting the City of London.

An Act respecting the Township of London.

An Act respecting the Town of Midland.

An Act respecting the Village of Mimico and the Village of New Toronto.

An Act respecting the Village of New Toronto.

An Act respecting the Town of Ojibway.

An Act respecting the Township of Osgoode in the County of Carleton.

An Act to enable the Town of Oshawa to withdraw from the Jurisdiction of the Council of the County of Ontario.

An Act respecting the City of Ottawa.

An Act respecting the Town of Owen Sound.

An Act respecting the City of Peterborough.

An Act to confirm By-law No. 1206 of 1916 of the Township of Raleigh concerning the Raleigh Plains Drain.

An Act respecting the City of St. Catharines.

An Act respecting the Town of Sandwich.

An Act to confirm By-law No. 918 of the City of Sarnia.

An Act respecting the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

An Act respecting the Municipality of Shuniah.

An Act respecting the Town of Sudbury.

An Act to incorporate the Village of Thornloe.

An Act respecting the City of Toronto.

An Act respecting the Town of Walkerville.

An Act respecting the Corporation of the City of Windsor and the Towns of Walkerville, Sandwich, Ford City and Ojibway.

An Act to confirm certain By-laws and an Agreement between the Townships of Yarmouth and Malahide:

An Act respecting the Township of York.

An Act to incorporate Buffalo and Fort Erie Ferry and Railroad Company.

An Act respecting the Essex Terminal Railway Company and the City of Windsor.

An Act to revise and amend the Act incorporating the Gananoque and Arnprior Railway Company.

An Act respecting the Mount McKay and Kakabeka Falls Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating The Midland Land Company.

An Act respecting the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

An Act respecting The Home, Lindsay.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the St. Patrick's Asylum, of Ottawa.

An Act to amend the Act incorporating McMaster University.

An Act respecting Queen's University at Kingston and to amalgamate therewith the School of Mining and Agriculture.

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate The Ursuline Academy of Chatham.

An Act respecting Wycliffe College.

An Act vesting certain lands in the Trustees of The Presbyterian Church, Almonte.

An Act respecting St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa.

An Act respecting the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

An Act relating to the Estate of Walter Dowker Beardmore, deceased.

An Act respecting the Estate of David Rowntree, deceased.

An Act to authorize the Law Society of Upper Canada to admit Charles Bagot Labatt as Barrister.

To these Acts the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

“In His Majesty's name, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth assent to these Acts.”

Mr. Speaker then said:

May it Please Your Honour:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and faithful subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, in Session assembled, approach your Honour with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and Government, and humbly beg to present for Your Honour's acceptance a Bill intituled “An Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending on the 31st day of October, 1916, and for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st day of October, 1917, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

To this Act the Royal Assent was announced by the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly in the following words:—

“His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor doth thank His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, accept their benevolence and assent to this Act in His Majesty's name.”

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor was then pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

In relieving you of your duties I desire to thank you for the important legislation you have adopted, as well as for the careful and expeditious manner in which you have transacted the public business.

The deep interest you have taken in all matters concerning the war, and the spirit of patriotism and unanimity that has prevailed in this connection, are in accord with the determination of the people of this Province to assist in every possible way in carrying the conflict to a speedy and victorious conclusion.

By the re-enactment of the War Tax you have placed at the disposal of my Government a fund which will enable it to maintain the undertakings now in hand to assist the Empire, and also to give effect to any beneficial proposal that may be deemed advisable. I observe in this connection that you have provided for the establishment of a representative Committee with statutory powers and duties which will consider proposals whereby the Province may give further aid to the Empire and conserve our resources for war purposes. It is intended that the Committee will also devote attention to the matter of recruiting, and I trust it will be able to prepare plans which will assist the Dominion Authorities in placing the work of enlistment on a more desirable and a more efficient basis. It is my earnest hope and conviction that all classes of our people will co-operate in encouraging the enlistment of men for overseas service, in practising thrift and economy, and in maintaining production at the highest possible point.

The general desire of our people to promote the welfare of returned soldiers is recognized in the legislation establishing the Soldiers' Aid Commission and extending its powers. Legislation has been adopted confirming grants by municipalities for patriotic purposes, and enlarging their powers in that behalf.

An important step has been taken in the enactment of The Ontario Temperance Act, which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages in the Province to the extent of the powers of this Legislature; such legislation to remain in force until a vote in respect to repeal after the war, and until such time thereafter as the people may ordain. This measure has been adopted as a necessity of war, to conserve our strength for the great struggle in which we are engaged. In due time, when our soldiers have returned from the front, and the legislation has been given a full and proper trial, the electors will be called upon to pronounce finally upon it in the light of experience and knowledge.

Several important measures respecting power development have been adopted. Provision has been made for a further development of water power in the vicinity of Niagara Falls by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. The powers of the Commission have been extended so as to give statutory authority

for its various operations. The purchase of extensive developments of water powers in Eastern and Central Ontario, undertaken by private enterprise, has been authorized. The use of the water powers of the Province for development purposes has been brought under public regulation, and statutory confirmation has been given to Radial Railway By-laws and contracts that have been entered into by the Municipalities.

An Act has been adopted to improve the quality of Dairy Products in Ontario by establishing standards for milk and cream to be used in the manufacture of cheese and butter. In order that opportunity may be given to all parties concerned to prepare for the new conditions, the measure will not take effect until the end of March next.

A further step towards encouraging settlement and development in Northern and North-western Ontario has been taken by the adoption of the measure authorizing the Government to make loans to settlers through the medium of a Commissioner to be appointed for that purpose.

By the creation of a Trades and Labour Branch my Government will be empowered to co-ordinate the various undertakings now maintained in this connection, and to prepare the way for future action in regard to industrial conditions in this Province.

A further sum of One Million Dollars has been set apart to aid in the Improvement of Public Highways.

Among the other measures adopted are the Amusement Tax Act; the Act to amend the Highways Improvements Act; and the Act to amend the Mining Act of Ontario.

I desire to thank you for the generous provision you have made for carrying on the public service and the various undertakings my Government has in hand, and to assure you that the supplies you have voted will be administered with a view alike to economy and efficiency.

In conclusion, I trust that the blessing and protection of Almighty God will rest upon the Empire and upon the Province during this grave and anxious time, and that a brighter outlook will ere long be our portion as an Empire and as a people.

The Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines then said:—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Honour's will and pleasure that this Legislative Assembly be prorogued and this Legislative Assembly is accordingly prorogued.

Appendix

No. 1

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Public Accounts
1916

APPENDIX

No. 1.

Report of the Committee on Public Accounts, 1916.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario:

The Standing Committee on Public Accounts begs leave to present the following as its Report:

Your Committee has had produced before it the following accounts, vouchers, correspondence and particulars in connection with the Public Accounts of the Province of Ontario for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915, which it has carefully examined and considered:—

Certain Books of Account and Statements relating to accounts of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, appearing on pages 553, 554 and 555 of the Public Accounts, for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915, and has taken—

Evidence in reference to Statement No. 1 appearing on pages a16, a17, a18, and a19 of the Public Accounts, 1915.

Evidence in reference to items salaries \$34,779.32 and \$11,651.50 appearing on pages 243 and 249 of the Public Accounts, 1915, respectively and in connection with these items the report made by James Bain, K.C.

Evidence in reference to Statements 1 and 2 on pages a16 and a20 and pages a74-75 of the Public Accounts, 1915.

Evidence respecting item \$226,991.23, New Government House, Public Accounts, 1915.

Messrs. James Clancy, Provincial Auditor; Charles Sproule, Deputy Provincial Treasurer; S. A. Armstrong, Assistant Provincial Secretary; F. R. Heakes, Provincial Architect; W. S. Andrews, Advising Accountant to the

Hydro-Electric Power Commission; W. W. Pope, Secretary to and F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission; Dr. J. T. Gilmour, Warden, Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, and William Watt were examined.

Your Committee has held during the present Session ten meetings, and submits herewith the Minutes of the proceedings and the evidence given, as taken by stenographers.

T. HERBERT LENNOX,

Committee Room,

Chairman.

Toronto, April 19th, 1916.

MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
ROOM, LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Toronto, March 24th, 1916.

The Select Standing Committee to whom was referred the examination of the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year, 1914-15, and composed of the following Members: Sir Adam Beck and Messieurs Bowman, Carew, Cargill, Carter, Clarke, Dargavel, Eilber, Elliott, Ferguson, (Grenville), Gamey, Gillespie, Hall (Lanark), Hanna, Hartt, Hearst, Hilliard, Hogarth, Hook, Hurdman, Irish, Jaques, Johnson, Lennox, Lucas, Mageau, Machin, Magladery, Munro, Musgrove (Huron), McCreagh, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Pinard, Price, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Rankin, Rowell, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), and Torrance, met this day at 10 a.m. for organization.

Present—Messieurs Bowman, Cargill, Gillespie, Hartt, Hilliard, Irish, Johnson, Lennox, McGarry, Preston (Lanark), Sinclair, Torrance.

On motion of Mr. McGarry, seconded by Mr. Hartt,

Resolved, That Mr. Lennox be elected Chairman for the Session.

On Motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Gillespie,

Ordered, That a special motion be made to the House, requesting that the Report of the Provincial Auditor (1914-1915), presented to the House by the Hon. Provincial Treasurer, be referred to this Committee for consideration.

On Motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Gillespie,

Ordered, That Mr. James Clancy, Provincial Auditor and the Chief Accountant, Hydro-Electric Commission, be summoned to attend the next meet-

ing of this Committee to give evidence in reference to the accounts of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, appearing on pages 553-4-5 of the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915, and to bring with them and produce to the Committee all books of accounts and statements relating to the matters mentioned and set forth on the said pages 553-4-5 of the Public Accounts; and the said James Clancy also to give evidence in reference to Statement No. 1 appearing in the Public Accounts of the Province for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915, and found on pages a16, a17, a18, and a19 of the said Public Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Gillespie.

Ordered, That J. T. Gilmour, M.D., Alexander Grant, William Watt, Thomas Barr, L. E. Granger and Thomas Gilfillan, all of the City of Guelph, be summoned to attend the next meeting of this Committee to give evidence in reference to the item of Salaries \$34,779.32 appearing on page 243 of the Public Accounts and the item Salaries \$11,651.50 appearing on page 249 of the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, March 29th, at 11.30 a.m.

Public Accounts Committee,

Toronto, March 29th, 1916.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11.30 a.m.

Present—Mr. Lennox (Chairman), Sir Adam Beck, and Messieurs Carew, Cargill, Carter, Dargavel, Gillespie, Hall (Lanark), Hartt, Hilliard, Hook, Johnson, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Preston (Lanark), Rankin, Rowell, Sinclair, Torrance.

Mr. James Clancy, Provincial Auditor, sworn and examined.

Mr. W. S. Andrews, Advising Accountant of the Hydro-Electric Commission, attended but was not examined.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Munro,

Ordered, That F. R. Heakes, Architect of the Public Works Department, be summoned to appear before the Public Accounts Committee, Friday, March 31st, in connection with item \$226,991.23, New Government House.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Friday, March 31st, at 11.30 a.m.

Public Accounts Committee,

Toronto, March 31st, 1916.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11.30 a.m.

Present—Messieurs Lennox (Chairman), Bowman, Cargill, Carter, Gillespie, Hall (Lanark), Hook, Hurdman, Jaques, Johnson, Musgrove (Huron), McGarry, McKeown, Preston (Lanark), Sinclair, Torrance.

Letter was read stating that Mr. Heakes, Architect of Public Works Department, was too ill to attend.

Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, April 5th, at 11.30 a.m.

Public Accounts Committee,

Toronto, April 5th, 1916.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11.30 a.m.

Present—Mr. Lennox (Chairman), Sir Adam Beck, and Messieurs Cargill, Carter, Clarke, Gillespie, Hall (Lanark), Hartt, Hilliard, Hook, Irish, Jaques, Johnson, Lucas, Mageau, Munro, Musgrove (Huron), McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Preston (Lanark), Rankin, Rowell, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Torrance.

Mr. James Clancy, Provincial Auditor, re-called and re-examined.

On motion of Mr. Carter, seconded by Mr. Gillespie,

Ordered, That the Deputy Provincial Treasurer be summoned to attend the next meeting of the Committee and give evidence in reference to Statements Nos. 1, 2 and 23 on pages a16, a20, and a74-75 respectively, Public Accounts for year ending 31st October, 1915.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, April 6th, at 10 a.m.

Public Accounts Committee,

Toronto, April 6th, 1916.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a.m.

Present—Sir Adam Beck, Messieurs Cargill, Carter, Gillespie, Johnson, Munro, McCrea, McGarry, McKeown, Preston (Lanark), Rowell, Thompson (Simcoe), Torrance.

Moved by Mr. McGarry that in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Lennox, Mr. McCrea take the chair.

Mr. James Clancy, Provincial Auditor, re-called and re-examined.

Committee then adjourned to meet again on Friday, April 7th, at 11.30 a.m.

Public Accounts Committee,

Toronto, April 7th, 1916.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11.30 a.m.

Present—Messieurs Bowman, Cargill, Carter, Gillespie, Hall (Lanark), Hook, Jaques, Munro, Musgrove (Huron), McCrea, McKeown, Rowell, Sinclair, Torrance.

In the absence of Mr. Lennox, Mr. Musgrove moved that Mr. McCrea act as Chairman.

Mr. James Clancy, Provincial Auditor, re-called and re-examined.

On motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Munro,

Ordered, That Edward McLean, Herald Building, Guelph, be summoned to attend the next meeting of this Committee to give evidence in reference to the item of Salaries, \$34,779.32 appearing on page 243 of the Public Accounts, and the item Salaries, \$11,651.50 appearing on page 249 of the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915.

Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, April 12th, at 10 a.m.

April 10th, 1916—Date of meeting changed to Tuesday, April 11th, at 11.30 a.m. and notices issued accordingly.

Public Accounts Committee,

Toronto, April 11th, 1916.

Committee met at call of the chair at 11.30 a.m.

Present—Sir Adam Beck, Messieurs Bowman, Cargill, Carter, Eilber, Gillespie, Hilliard, Hook, Irish, Jaques, Johnson, Musgrove (Huron), McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, McKeown, Preston (Lanark), Rankin, Rowell, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Torrance.

In the absence of Mr. Lennox, Mr. Preston (Lanark) moved that Mr. Sinclair act as Chairman.

Mr. W. S. Andrews, Advising Accountant of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, sworn and examined.

The Committee then adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, April 12th, at 11.30 a.m.

Public Accounts Committee,

Toronto, April 12th, 1916.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment at 11.30 a.m.

Present—Sir Adam Beck and Messieurs Bowman, Carew, Cargill, Carter, Dargavel, Gillespie, Hall (Lanark), Hilliard, Hook, Hurdman, Jaques, Johnson, Munro, Musgrove (Huron), McCrea, McElroy, McGarry, Rankin, Rowell, Sinclair, Thompson (Simcoe), Torrance.

In the absence of Mr. Lennox, Mr. McCrea moved that Mr. Sinclair take the chair.

Mr. W. S. Andrews, Advising Accountant of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, re-called and re-examined.

Mr. W. W. Pope, Secretary to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, sworn and examined.

On the motion of Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Munro

Ordered, That F. V. Johns, Assistant to Assistant Provincial Secretary, be summoned to attend the next meeting of this Committee to give evidence in reference to the item of Salaries \$34,779.32 appearing on page 243 of the

Public Accounts, and the item Salaries \$11,651.50 appearing on page 249 of the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending 31st October, 1915; and to produce:—

1. All correspondence between the Government, or any officer or official thereof and Alexander Grant, in reference to the position of the said Grant as a guard at the Guelph Prison Farm, or otherwise; and in reference to the retirement of the said Grant and his application for a gratuity.

2. All correspondence between the Government and any officer or official thereof and any other person or persons in reference to the positions of Alexander Grant, of the City of Guelph, and Thomas Barr and William Watt, L. E. Granger and Thomas Gilfillan, of the City of Guelph, as guards at the Guelph Prison Farm, or otherwise, their dismissal or suspension, and their restoration to office.

3. Copy of all evidence taken and the report made by James Bain, Esq., K.C., Commissioner appointed to investigate the position of the said guards; and all correspondence between the Government, or any officer or official thereof, and the said Bain with reference to his appointment and report.

Committee then adjourned to meet again on Friday, April 14th, at 11 a.m.

April 12th, 1916, 11 a.m.—As House was in Session at this date, meeting of Committee was adjourned to await call of the chair.

Public Accounts Committee,

Toronto, April 18th, 1916.

Committee met at call of the Chair at 11.30 a.m.

Present—Sir Adam Beck, Messieurs Bowman, Cargill, Carter, Dargavel, Gillespie, Hall (Lanark), Hook, Johnson, Munro, Musgrove (Huron), McCrea, McKeown, Preston (Lanark), Proudfoot, Rowell, Sinclair, Torrance.

In the absence of Mr. Lennox, Mr. McCrea moved that Mr. Sinclair take the chair.

Messrs. Johns, Clancy, Watt, Gilfillan, McLean and J. T. Gilmour, Warden, Ontario Reformatory, attended, but were not examined.

Mr. S. A. Armstrong, Assistant Provincial Secretary, sworn and examined.

Mr. W. S. Andrews, Advising Accountant Hydro-Electric Power Commission, re-called and re-examined.

Mr. F. A. Gaby, Chief Engineer Hydro-Electric Power Commission, sworn and examined.

Mr. Charles Sproule, Deputy Provincial Treasurer, sworn and examined.

Mr. F. R. Heakes, Provincial Architect, sworn and examined.

Committee then adjourned to meet again at call of the Chair.

Public Accounts Committee Room,

Toronto, April 19th, 1916.

Committee met at call of the Chair at 10 a.m.

Present—Messieurs Bowman, Carter, Dargavel, Hall (Lanark), Hilliard, Hook, Jaques, Johnson, Munro, McCrea, Proudfoot, Rowell, Sinclair, Torrance.

In the absence of Mr. Lennox, Mr. McCrea moved that Mr. Sinclair take the Chair.

Mr. Thomas Gilfillan attended but was not examined.

Mr. William Watt, sworn and examined.

Dr. J. T. Gilmour, Warden, Ontario Reformatory at Guelph, sworn and examined.

Chair ruled that question asked witness by Mr. Proudfoot was out of order. Yeas and nays asked for.

Ruling of the Chair sustained on the following division—

Yeas—Dargavel, Hall (Lanark), Hilliard, Hook, Johnson, Torrance.—6.

Nays—Bowman, Carter, Munro, Proudfoot.—4.

Mr. S. A. Armstrong, Assistant Provincial Secretary, re-called and re-examined.

Committee then adjourned.

Public Accounts Committee,

March 29th, 1916.

The Committee met at 11.30 a.m., with Mr. Lennox in the Chair.

Mr. J. Clancy, Provincial Auditor, called and sworn.

MR. ROWELL: You are the Provincial Auditor, Mr. Clancy?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How long have you filled that position?

A.—Something more than ten years.

Q.—I observe on page 555 of the Public Accounts of 1916, relating to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, a note by you at the foot of the page, "The foregoing statement was prepared by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and does not represent the accounts of the Commission as audited by the Audit Office." That note was made by you?

A.—That note was made by me.

Q.—Will you tell us in what respect the account does not represent the accounts as audited. What is your explanation of that note?

A.—A general statement is that the total expenditure of the period covered from 1909 to 1915 inclusive, to which that statement relates, covering that same period in one case is \$17,000,000 odd while in this other case it is only \$12,000,000 odd. That is one of the general reasons.

Q.—Whereabouts does that appear in the Accounts?

A.—This (indicating) represents the full accounts of the Commission. We can show it by the figures in our books if you desire to examine them—this represents a total expenditure for the period from 1909 to 1915 inclusive of \$17,359,620.55.

MR. MCGARRY: That expenditure was by the Hydro- Electric?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The expenditure by the Government in the statement as \$12,000,000 odd?

A.—Yes, that is the difference made. . . . Now the statement to which I make reference here does not show \$17,359,620.55, but shows \$12,582,221.22.

MR. ROWELL: Yes. Then what is your main objection—to go back—the statement to which you are now referring as showing \$17,000,000 odd, what is that?

A.—That is the actual expenditure as shown by the Commission during that period.

Q.—Then I notice on page 555 of the Public Accounts the item, total expenditure \$12,582,221.22. Is that the item you refer to?

A.—I refer to the whole statement in saying that it does not represent the accounts of the Commission as audited by the Audit Office. There is the

disparity between the expenditure shown in that statement prepared by the Commission and the actual expenditure as shown in the accounts.

Q.—The difference being as you say——?

A.—The difference between the statement by the Commission and the advances made by the Province is \$4,190,620.55.

Q.—What do you say, according to your figures, is the difference between the total expenditure as shown by the Commission's statement on page 555 of the Public Accounts, and what you say your audit statement shows?

A.—If you take the \$17,359,620.55 shown by the Commission's statement and deduct from that the \$12,582,221.22—the difference between the actual expenditure, as shown from the Accounts of the Commission, and the accounts shown in the statement to which we are now referring, is \$4,777,399.33.

Q.—Well then, what do I understand is your explanation with reference to the statement as presented in the Public Accounts. What is your objection?

A.—All I would undertake to say is that we show the actual expenditure from the records of the Commission. That is not by way of explanation; that is a statement of the actual facts.

Q.—Yes, then is that the only matter to which your note refers? Is there any other matter in connection with the statement to which your note refers?

A.—I could not undertake to reconcile that statement prepared by the Commission and bring it together with our records, which are the records taken entirely from the records of the Commission. I cannot undertake to reconcile them in any shape or form and bring them together. In other words, as far as the Audit Office knows, all their knowledge is resting entirely upon the records of the Commission. The statement prepared here does not reflect, in any particular form that I am aware of, the actual conditions as they appear in the accounts of the Commission taken from their own records.

Q.—That is a pretty strong statement, Mr. Clancy.

A.—It is the fact.

Q.—Is it a fact that the accounts as presented by the Commission in the Public Accounts do not in any way reflect the actual accounts as you have taken them from the records of the Commission?

A.—That is the fact. You will notice, if you will permit me to further explain, that on page 553 there is a statement of assets and liabilities. No such thing comes into the accounting as presented from the records of the Commission in any shape or form. That is included in the statement, and the whole statement of which that is a unit was the part to which my note refers.

Q.—What do you mean by that, that there is no statement of assets or liabilities in the books of the Commission?

A.—I mean that in our accounts, and as a matter of accounting, such a thing could not arise.

Q.—Is there any other matter in connection with this statement to which you wish to draw attention to help us to understand the situation better?

A.—Well, I pointed out with respect to the part of the statement "assets and liabilities" it would be difficult to understand how the Commission had

assets and liabilities of their own in executive departments. There could be no such thing as a matter of accounting, in their case, arise. Therefore I would not undertake to say anything with respect to the assets or liabilities beyond that statement.

Q.—Turning to the other portion which states what is the total capital investment to October 31st, 1915——?

A.—The following is the Commission's statement of expenditure on capital account, including that at Niagara, Severn, Wasdell's Falls, St. Lawrence, Eugenia Falls, Port Arthur, Muskoka, Renfrew and Ottawa systems. It shows also expenditure for construction chargeable to "stock on hand, poles, etc." Now that is a statement quite outside of the assets and liabilities and covers the whole period from 1909 to 1915 inclusive, as I understand it. Now the sums given here of the different items are of expenditures in respect to all the services. The amounts here do not agree with the records as we have them which are as furnished by the Commission to the Audit Office.

Q.—What do you mean by that?

A.—Well, take the first one. The Niagara system shows an expenditure according to the statement—and I have to repeat on each occasion, as given to the Audit Office by the Commission—the expenditure for the first item appearing here on page 553, taking the total at the bottom of the whole, is \$9,384,-899.85 while the actual expenditure was only \$8,813,277.05.

Q.—How do you explain the discrepancy?

A.—I cannot undertake to explain the discrepancy. I say we have faithfully followed the records and on the records we are right.

SIR ADAM BECK: You say you followed the records. Do you mean by that, the books, or what?

A.—The records of the Commission from which, I assume, the books are made up.

Q.—As a matter of fact you didn't audit the books of the Commission at all?

A.—I never looked at the books.

Q.—You never looked at them?

A.—No. We never audit books, we audit the material out of which the books are made.

Q.—How do you audit the accounts of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission?

A.—Upon the actual material.

Q.—You think an auditor does not need to see the books?

A.—No. We take the material in all cases. If we followed the Commission's books alone we would have, no doubt, the Commission's expenditure. If we have the full facts, upon which the Commission's accountants have their books based, then we can find our expenditure irrespective as to what it is in the books. The books may be incorrect in part but the material remains the same in both cases and the material is the foundation of the audit because it is original and represents the facts.

MR. JOHNSON: What do you mean by the material?

A.—I mean the payments shown by vouchers and otherwise.

Q.—Do you know that the Hydro-Electric Commission has a complete set of double entry books?

A.—I do not undertake to say what their books are, I take their vouchers.

MR. MCGARRY: What you mean is, that in all the departments of the Government you have to have a voucher with every expenditure?

A.—In every case.

Q.—And the same applies to the Hydro?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you examined all the vouchers?

A.—I examined all the vouchers which constituted the material for making up the accounts. I have not discredited these vouchers. I do not want to be misunderstood. We followed them without question, without questioning material, or vouchers, or facts. Whether we followed them the way the Commission followed them or not, our compilations are not the same.

MR. ROWELL: Then coming back, Mr. Clancy, what is the difference between the figure you stated was given in the Public Accounts as representing the expenditure on the Niagara system and the figure you got?

A.—The sum shown by the Commission's statement of capital expenditure is \$9,384,899.85. The expenditure as shown from the records of the Commission is \$8,813,727.05. The difference between the sum shown by the Commission in this statement to which we referred, and the actual expenditure as shown from the records given by the Commission to the Audit Office, is \$571,172.80.

Q.—Can you give us any explanation of the difference?

A.—I can only tell you what it is. I have no means of knowing what it is made up of. I have had the assurance that we had all the material, all the material and vouchers that go into accounting. We have faithfully followed these and our conclusions are just what I have found, and the difference between that and what the Commission put in the statement is \$571,172.80. There would be no means of my knowing how that difference arises.

SIR ADAM BECK: You speak of the records of the Commission and yet you admit that you never looked at the records.

A.—The records are not the books; the books are a record of the records only. The record is vouchers and material and evidence of every transaction that takes place from which we make up our books.

MR. ROWELL: Is there any other point in the Hydro accounts that is covered by your note? Any other particular transaction?

A.—That would pertain to the whole list to a lesser or greater extent. We have other cases.

Q.—Then just give us the others?

A.—Take the Welland system. We will first take the statement by the Commission. The statement shows here an expenditure of \$734,586.71. The expenditure as shown from the Commission's records, that they furnished us by way of the original material, amounted to \$334,897.43 as against an item appearing in the statement of the Commission of \$734,586.71.

Q.—There must surely be some large item that you haven't got there to make up this \$734,586.71?

A.—It is not for me to say whether there is or not. I say we asked for all the original material. We were assured we got all. On the basis of that our statement shows a certain sum, theirs shows a different one which we cannot undertake to account for. There may be some matters involved in that statement shown by the Commission, something for interest, interest during period of construction. That may be in, but that is not an expenditure. Interest added cannot be claimed by the Commission as an expenditure. It forms no part of expenditure.

Q.—It would be an item properly charged against the municipalities?

A.—But not as against expenditure.

Q.—It would come in some other form?

A.—Yes, the municipalities must bear it, but it would form no part of expenditure.

Q.—Are there other items?

A.—That would apply pretty generally. I would not undertake to say that it does in all cases.

Q.—What about the others?

A.—They would be less or more in the same condition.

Q.—What are your figures then on the others on the same page? Just a moment, did you receive any explanation from the Commission? What we want are the full facts. We do not want to do any injustice to the Commission. There may be some explanation of that item.

A.—That may be. We did not go beyond our own records to show what the actual facts were, while the Commission's statement may involve something more than general expenditure.

Q.—Did you ask the Commission for any further accounts or any explanation—was there any explanation?

A.—I don't know of any.

HON. MR. MCGARRY: I asked for an explanation and got it, and it will be given later.

WITNESS: The duty, as I understand it, of the auditor is to follow exactly all the material that is before him in respect to the accounts. When he has completed that he has no reason to ask anyone whether their statements are in accord with his in view of the fact that there is not much more than one-half of the expenditure for the whole period shown by the Commission. When there is \$17,000,000 shown through the records of the audit office and only

\$12,000,000 shown here, what right would we have to try to make those two statements come into accord. Therefore to have asked for an explanation would have been entirely worthless because there was no ground to base it on.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Later on the Hydro will give their evidence. They will be in a position to answer the things that come up, when the time comes. I am not suggesting that questions should not be asked by members, but when we have the explanation they should be able, no doubt, to satisfy themselves in reference to these matters.

MR. ROWELL: Is there a statement of all this that you can file with the Commission?

MR. MCGARRY: Mr. Andrews of the Commission staff has prepared a statement.

MR. ROWELL: Then, Mr. Clancy, is there anything further, with reference to the statement appearing in the accounts, that you had in view in penning that note?

A.—The items of difference between our records and those shown in the statement were not a matter that was thought to be of any importance, nor do I now consider it of any importance. My reference to that was to the broad scale of difference in the total expenditure. That was the broad difference. These are mere instances which may be able to be explained later on. The whole question, the real question, is the difference between the two statements of expenditure.

Q.—Then you do not attach any particular significance to the difference in the detailed items?

A.—I have only pointed out the difference, without attempting to attach significance to the difference, in respect to that particular statement.

Q.—Then you say the big difference is the difference in the total expenditure. What light can you throw on that? Did you go into the matter to see how the difference was made up? Where does the difference lie between the expenditure reported and what you say is the actual expenditure?

A.—That is a matter that those not altogether familiar with it may have some difficulty in quite grasping. The expenditure of \$17,000,000 as stated here is made up and recorded in the audit office from the actual transactions as they appear in the minutest detail. That expenditure is the lump sum of the expenditures, which are the actual expenditures amounting to \$17,000,000 odd. There is not a single item in this sum allocated to any of the services that appear here. They were allocated afterwards by the Commission, divided, as it thought proper, among these services, without any indication in the real and original records, in respect to any of these.

SIR ADAM BECK: How do you know that?

A.—Because you have given them to us.

Q.—You say the Commission allocated them?

A.—Yes, and we followed you. If you are right we are right, if you are wrong we are wrong. . . . They are allotted, as you will see, by the Commission. The expenditures do not show it and allotments or distributions by the Commission are put under the several heads here and we follow them. This would be an illustration. (A) would represent the general expenditure, without connecting it in any shape or form with any particular service. The Commission divides this, as they may think proper, among all these services. Now the Commission allotted to these several services at will just such sum as it thinks proper—whether correctly or not I would not undertake to say.

MR. ROWELL: That is their right under the Act is it not?

A.—No, there is nothing in the Act to define that.

MR. MCGARRY: Mr. Clancy claims they have exceeded their statutory authority. That is really the core of it. I explained that in the House.

MR. ROWELL: What is this document you have produced?

A.—That document was merely to simplify what this would mean in respect to these. You will see that we have under that, capital account, operation account, maintenance account; under the Act there are these accounts. Under that Act there shall be accounts kept of such services for which money must be paid out.

MR. JOHNSON: These services are charged and put into ledger accounts?

A.—Quite so.

Q.—You have never seen those accounts?

A.—I have seen all the material.

Q.—I am not talking about the material. I am asking if you had seen the accounts kept in the Hydro-Electric Commission?

A.—No, nor had I need to see them.

MR. ROWELL: You were going to explain the detailed expenditure?

A.—Since that isn't allocated in the vouchers, this sum here, for instance, (item 12 in our Hydro ledger) is charged under several headings. That is a matter which the Commission decided. Here you will see they have allocated to wood pole lines \$10.25. There is nothing in the general account that shows that belongs to wood pole lines. That pertains to every other one.

Q.—Would not the character of the expenditure, which is represented by the voucher, be an indication?

A.—No, it might not be.

SIR ADAM BECK: Those figures are taken from the actual work orders and allocated by the work foremen. We have about 10,000 of them.

WITNESS: Take the next \$221.12. That is allotted in three places. There is nothing in this expenditure of \$221.12 to indicate that the amounts belong to any particular services. It is a mere exercise of the will of the Commission. There is nothing disclosed in the account itself.

SIR ADAM BECK: That is not right. The Commission does not do it. It is our staff of accountants and bookkeepers. I want the Committee to understand that we do not allot. These amounts are taken off the actual work orders on construction of the various undertakings of the Commission and in that way are adjusted to the various proper accounts.

A.—We take that distribution as it is made by the engineers. We take that and follow it faithfully. We did not call in question any distribution made and in that way we reached a conclusion.

MR. ROWELL: I want you to illustrate how the accounts were kept. The main thing, you say, was the difference in the expenditure. Can you tell us from your standpoint how that difference arises, so that we can get at the real point of difference?

A.—We cannot tell. We have no means of telling. (Referring to account of March, 1915, in book showing total expenditures with their distribution, of the Hydro-Electric Commission). This is a fair exemplification of the accounts, as kept throughout in respect to the whole services, and we had no means of knowing where they exceeded expenditure, because they were kept in one account and distributed afterwards—with which we have no quarrel—and we would be unable to answer the question for that reason, that it is not indicated in any particular form. There is no dividing line in that expenditure of \$17,000,000 odd.

Q.—The total amount received from the Province and appearing in the Public Accounts is \$13,169,000?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Does that correspond with the statement of assets and liabilities appearing in the Public Accounts?

A.—Those were the actual expenditures by the Province.

Q.—I would like you to tell us where the money came from to make this expenditure of \$17,000,000 odd, if the Province only advanced \$13,000,000. Where did the money come from?

A.—I think that will be disclosed in these items as they appear in statement No. 2 in my report, dated February 25, 1916. Without going into the \$17,000,000, or going particularly into the advances made by the Province of \$13,000,000 odd, you want to know where they got the money in excess of that advanced by the Province?

Q.—Yes.

A.—They received under the head of maintenance and operation \$674,338.43—these are receipts by the Commission—for power, \$2,068,061.47, also received by the Commission. For construction chargeable to municipal con-

struction, altogether there was \$670,727.56; from sale of municipal bonds, \$346.031; for the London and Port Stanley Railway, \$128,620.55. From cable reels—that is something in the position of returning bags in which cement has been purchased and getting a refund—\$95.00; from general expense account, \$2,232.94; from what is called storehouse, \$20,106.53; machine shop and garage, \$759.21; interest on capital that went into the hands of the Commission, \$953,914.61; other interest the Commission received \$755.19; Lundy's Lane pole rentals and sale of stock \$229,778.93; as expenditure charged to the credit of the Province, \$24,872.79; on capital account again, \$114,877.08; on sinking fund, \$119,429.12, from which there was a deduction, which I will not go into now, and from depreciation fund which belongs entirely to the municipalities, over and above what the cost of power is shown there, \$490,758.83, making a total of receipts of \$5,845,463.64. Now here is a concise statement showing the whole thing. The advances by the Province directly were \$13,169,000. The sums collected by the Commission, \$5,845,463.64. Now they paid out that whole sum of \$5,000,000 odd—and that is outside of the advances—they paid over to the Province \$1,333,121. They had cash in the bank of \$126,068.06, advances, moneys in the hands of persons to be expended, \$23,033.96.

Q.—The difference then was the money received from these various sources?

A.—That should have been paid to the Province. It was payable to the Province under the Statute.

Q.—And which you say was not paid over to the Province but was used by the Commission in connection with the expenditures you have referred to?

SIR ADAM BECK: I haven't heard any explanation referring to where this difference has gone, what we spent it on. Didn't we pay our power bills to the Ontario Power Co., interest charges to the Government, maintenance and operation of plant? It was misappropriated, according to you, because we should have paid the money to you. That may be all right, according to the Statute, but it is an impossible condition for operation from a business standpoint.

A.—That could not happen at all, as under the Statute the Province advances that \$13,000,000 for paying for such services.

SIR ADAM BECK: That \$13,000,000 was only on capital account for the construction of works.

A.—The attitude Sir Adam has shown, and as proven in the accounts, is that the Commission has assumed the right to use everything that comes into their hands for the services here, and has assumed that without stint, notwithstanding the Statute.

SIR ADAM BECK: I take exception to that. We may have used it without express authority of Statute. We complained about it often enough but nothing was done. But it was not done without stint.

A.—I will not quarrel over the word stint, but the fact is that the Commission did not pretend, in the keeping of their accounts or otherwise, to be under any obligation to pay moneys collected by them to the Province, and took the attitude that all they had to do was to pay the Province interest on the amount advanced by the Province to the Commission. They put themselves in the place of the municipalities.

SIR ADAM BECK: You have been aware, if you have been performing your duties, that this has been going on during the last six or seven years contrary to the Statute. I presume you have your own reasons for not drawing the attention of the Government to it before.

A.—We did not get the accounts to enable us to do so. We were even unable, until within the last few months, to get some expenditures for easements which occurred some years ago, amounting to more than a quarter million dollars. The Government could not and did not know because it had no means of knowing the actual conditions of things.

MR. ROWELL: Do I understand you to say that you did not know of this difference until the present year?

A.—We knew there was some difference but we could not tell, because we had no means of balancing even the bank account of any of the years, because the Commission did not furnish us with any of the accounts. This was the first year in which we had the full accounts from the Commission.

SIR ADAM BECK: I cannot allow that to go. The accounts of the Commission are yours by right. Were you ever denied access to any vouchers, bills, books or material you desired, to audit these books according to your ideas or those of anybody else?

A.—We had access to them at times, as far as you gave it to us.

Q.—Have you not the right to ask for them?

A.—We asked for them and we didn't get them.

Q.—Absolutely wrong, absolutely wrong.

MR. ROWELL: Just take the statement. You say these amounts should have been paid over to the Province, and there is some question of the construction of the Statute. I would like to get what that point is.

A.—I might refer here to the particular section of the Statute——

HON. MR. MCGARRY: I think in justice to the Hydro-Electric we should file this statement as being produced by the Hydro, this is Mr. Andrews' report.

(Exhibit 3).*

WITNESS: Section 15 provides that the moneys shall be paid over——

MR. ROWELL: I want to get from you what amounts received by the Commission under the several services which should have been paid over.

A.—I went over them. Those are the amounts in that statement.

The Committee then adjourned.

*See list of exhibits at end of volume.

Public Accounts Committee,

April 5th, 1916.

The Committee met at 11.30 a.m. with Mr. Lennox in the Chair.

Mr. Clancy recalled.

MR. ROWELL: Mr. Clancy, just as you were closing your evidence the other day you stated that you had not been able to get certain expenditures for easements of more than a quarter million of dollars, until recently. What did you refer to then?

A.—Dealing with easements alone I have a statement here showing the dates on which we received the last accounts supplied. I have a statement showing the dates on which we received the accounts for each successive fiscal year and also showing the dates on which the easements were given to the audit office and their dates. In respect to the easements for the right-of-way, on December 17, 1910, there was received \$258,004.80, of which \$159,345.61 was expended during the fiscal year of 1909, the balance, \$78,659.19 for the year 1910. Those were received on December 10th following the close of the fiscal year. Those were all the easements we received until a later period.

Q.—What do you mean by a later period?

A.—I mean a later date than the 10th of December, 1910.

Q.—What is the later date?

A.—The next batch of the easements we received was on January 5, 1916.

Q.—What do I understand you to mean by that? That you got no accounts for easements between 1910 and 1916?

A.—None between those dates.

Q.—Were there any accounts rendered between those dates?

A.—Permit me to conclude the statement; this will show it. On the 5th of January, 1916, we received easements amounting to \$87,086.18. These others were distributed over the following periods; \$2,442.77 were paid in 1909; \$19,216.67 were paid in 1910; \$41,429.62 were paid in 1911; \$10,457.40 were paid in 1912; \$10,563.72 were paid in 1913; \$2,976 were paid in 1914. There is still another batch of easements that came in in February of 1916 that amounted to \$198,528.90. The total for all periods amounted to \$2,285,615.08.

Q.—What did this last item in February, 1916, of \$198,528.90 relate to?

A.—That related to the period prior to 1915 but was received later than 1914.

Q.—What is your ground of complaint with reference to these items?

A.—My ground of complaint is that it was impossible to have a closing of the accounts at the end of the year. We were forced by reason of that and for other reasons that I will state if you will permit me, we were unable to close any account during the whole period from 1909 to 1915. Not until the close of 1915 or some period later than the close of the fiscal year that we got all the accounts to close out them as shown in the report to the Legislature. That was the main ground. If you will permit me now to refer to the dates upon which we received accounts after the close of the fiscal year which kept us to complete any accounts at the end of the fiscal year. Commencing with 1910 we did not get until after the close of the fiscal year for that year, \$332,217.45.

Q.—You did not get what?

A.—We did not get the accounts of the Commission. After the close of the fiscal year, namely on November 9th and November 25th, we received that \$332,217.45.

MR. McCREA.—What fiscal year?

A.—I refer to the fiscal year of 1910.

Q.—That is the Provincial year?

A.—Yes, all our accounts are for the fiscal year. In 1911 we received on December 2nd and 4th, after the close of the fiscal year, \$189,306.72. In 1912 we received after the close of the fiscal year, namely on January 8, 1913, \$274,451.92. In 1913 we received after the close of the fiscal year, namely on November 28th and January 28th, \$1,008,678.44, and for 1914 we received after the close of the fiscal year, namely on the 29th of February, following, \$1,218,910.33. For 1915 we received after the close of the fiscal year just passed, namely on January 17th, 1916, \$1,220,412.

MR. McCREA: What is the date of closing the fiscal year?

A.—The 31st of October in each year.

MR. ROWELL: Take these various items you have mentioned; you did get these accounts sooner or later for the items. Is your complaint wholly a question of the date on which you received these items?

A.—No. The objection—rather than the complaint—is that we were not able at the close of any fiscal year to close up the accounts of the Hydro-Electric Commission. You have to confirm the bank balances at this date, otherwise you cannot have any closing of the accounts.

Q.—Take the question of easements—what was the explanation for the delay? Did they have some good reason why they did not get them in before?

A.—No reason was ever offered so far as I am aware, for not having them ready before.

Q.—Did you get the vouchers of expenditures for easements?

A.—No. We did not get vouchers for easements until these dates.

Q.—Have you now got the vouchers of expenditure in respect to easements?

A.—We have the vouchers in respect to everything.

Q.—You have the whole business there?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then in connection with easements are there any accounts for unpaid balances in connection with them?

A.—If there are we have no knowledge of them.

Q.—You have no knowledge of any?

A.—No.

MR. CARTER: As far as your department is concerned this matter of easements is closed?

A.—Everything is closed so far as the audit office is aware up to the 31st of October, 1915, in regard to easements and everything else for which there are proofs of payment.

Q.—And everything is satisfactory?

A.—Everything so far as the general expenditure; no objection has been taken to that in any shape or form.

MR. MCCREA: You said you were unable to close up the accounts at the end of any year—why?

A.—Because we did not have the complete accounts to the end of the year and we were unable to determine the bank balances at that time. We could not close the accounts without having everything.

MR. ROWELL: Then coming to the other matters dealt with in your report, Mr. Clancy.

A.—Since it has been pointed out that we have everything closed up to the end of the fiscal year of 1915 I would like with the permission of the Committee to make a statement with reference to the manner in which the accounts were kept in order that that would be conclusive as to the facts that have already been stated. In section 10 of the Audit Act it says—

“The auditor shall, subject to the exceptions hereinafter mentioned, examine, check and audit all accounts of receipts and expenditure of public moneys and moneys received or expended on account of or in trust for any other person.”

Subsection 3 of section 10 says—

“In conducting the examination of the vouchers relating to the appropriations for the several services sanctioned by the Appropriation Act of the year, or by any Act of this Legislature, the Auditor shall test the accuracy of the castings and computations of the several items of the vouchers; but if he is satisfied that the accounts bear evidence that the vouchers have been completely checked, examined and certified as correct in every respect, and that they have been allowed and passed by the proper officers, he may admit them as satisfactory; provided always that if the Treasurer desires any voucher to be examined by the Auditor in greater detail, the Auditor shall cause such voucher to be subjected to such examination in detail as the Treasurer may prescribe.”

I wanted to point that out and to produce the books of the audit office to show how that was done. I desire to call attention first to the book which is called Hydro-Electric Power Commission in which all of the accounts as rendered by the Commission with the disposition made of the expenditure appear.

HON. MR. MCGARRY: That is a book of the Audit office?

A.—Yes, this is kept by the audit office. Perhaps I should state that these statements deal with the present year. I only brought them here as samples and they cannot be left with the Committee. I have selected for the purposes of the greatest clearness, one of each of the three principal classes of expenditure carried on by the Commission, namely: for the purchase of goods, for expenses of travelling and otherwise, being another; and the pay-rolls being the other, which constitute practically the whole of the expenditure made by the Commission.

SIR ADAM BECK: When did you open that set of books?

A.—We opened that set of books when we first commenced the Hydro-Electric audit.

Q.—I am as wise as I was before.

A.—It was commenced in 1909. This set of books was commenced in 1909.

Q.—Did you carry it on year by year until the present time?

A.—Yes, year by year.

Q.—At the last meeting you told us you only began to enter our accounts in your books in the last year. You were mistaken in that then?

A.—I am not mistaken, I did not make any such statement.

Q.—Then if it is in your statement it is incorrect?

A.—It is not in my statement, and if it were there it would not be correct. But that is not in my statement.

Q.—How did you enter these accounts if you did not have them until the last year?

A.—We entered them as we received them and we received them according to the dates as they appear here.

Q.—You said the last time that you didn't have an opportunity of closing the books because until a year ago you didn't receive the accounts.

A.—We entered these the very moment we received them.

MR. SINCLAIR: If you only received them a month ago you would enter them for the year to which they belonged?

A.—Yes, we entered them for the year to which they belonged.

MR. McCRAE: Didn't you get a general statement?

A.—There was a general statement put in by the Commission which was published in the Public Accounts. That is not a matter with which we were directly concerned.

Q.—Were you getting accounts in 1909 when you opened these books?

A.—We got accounts from the time this book was opened.

Q.—But not complete?

A.—No, not complete. For instance in 1914 we did not receive accounts until the 29th of February, 1915, for the accounts of 1914. To close them up there was \$1,218,910.33 that we did not receive.

MR. MUSGROVE: Did you receive no accounts?

A.—There was that portion we did not receive.

MR. SINCLAIR: You received a portion but not sufficient to close the books?

A.—Quite so. This represents the amount of accounts we received after the close of the fiscal year which we entered in that fiscal year when we received it.

SIR ADAM BECK: You did not expect accounts to be in your hands by the 31st of October, accounts for the month of October, did you?

A.—I have nothing to say to that. I have not been making complaints.

Q.—You made the statement that you didn't have these accounts until two months later. Did you expect them on November 1st?

A.—We expected them promptly. We did not expect them to run on to November and December and January and February, nearly four months.

Q.—You wanted them before they were in our hands?

A.—I will not undertake to combat such a statement.

MR. McCRAE: These accounts you refer to as coming in in 1915, were they only for the month of November?

A.—They were belonging to the former year.

Q.—But they covered a period other than November?

A.—They might have covered a very considerable period, for the whole of the year 1914. The amounts I have stated are accounts dealing with the year 1914, which were not received for four months after, namely in 1915, an amount of \$1,218,910.33.

Q.—That did not refer exclusively to November?

A.—No. These accounts here, for instance, were for May and August, they covered some two months, two or three months prior to that.

Q.—Was any of that the payroll?

A.—The payrolls come in as the others.

Q.—Were any of the accounts of 1914 that you say came in in 1915 payrolls for the year 1914?

A.—Oh no. It was usually confined to the last months of the year. I think that was so in most cases if not all, other than for the easements Now, Mr. Chairman, here is a sample of accounts for goods purchased. The duty of the Audit office is to take the invoices and statements rendered by those from whom the Commission purchased goods. These are all checked and ear-marked and carefully gone over by the Audit office. The sum of the whole of this appears here as \$4,400.42. That sum will appear according to the number here—356. That will appear in our ledger and that sum will appear there. That is the first step. Then when that is done the next thing is to see whether that has been paid for or not. Here is a cheque covering this class of accounts with the voucher number on it, the number 6968 which

is on here on the distribution list and the cheque is for \$4,100.52 signed by Mr. Pope and Mr. Andrews and the account is distributed as it appears here as signed by Mr. Gaby, the Chief Engineer. We have here, as you will see, the account complete in every respect. We have the accounts as they have been presented for payment. We have the cheque issued for that. We have that all verified by the Commission. Upon that and upon that alone the Audit Office must depend if the public is to have any security, and is to rely on that evidence. We did not and do not undertake to say how the Commission kept their books I have stated the first step and that is the payment of these accounts. That is correct and in accord from start to finish with what appears on the Audit Office books, and if there is any doubt, or anybody professes to cast a doubt I am prepared to send the members of the staff of the Audit Office and within the next six or eight days—and I hope before this Committee rises—to check every one of these items and verify them and prove that we have the records according to those produced in the first instance.

SIR ADAM BECK: That is the records in accordance with your books, not ours?

A.—That is in accordance with these. The fact is and I need not impress it upon the Committee, that we have the evidence of the Commission itself, we have it verified by the Commission itself. We have followed that because it is the only thing that could be followed. If we took anything else we would be no better off than what we would find in another man's books.

MR. CARTER: You maintain that in a public business like the Province of Ontario there should be a voucher for every cent?

A.—And there is.

Q.—Then if there is a voucher for every cent then the voucher is the material thing and the book is only a copy of the voucher. A.—Yes.

A.—I desire to call the attention of the Committee to this, that while we think the evidence here is indisputable, while nobody has any doubt as to the accuracy of this statement it has been found necessary now for the Commission to undertake to discredit their own evidence.

SIR ADAM BECK: We have discredited nothing. If you can convince me that you have not made any errors or mistakes in your books then we would have some reason for accepting your statements. We balance our books, and it is for you to prove that yours are correct.

A.—If you will permit me to have access to your accounts within the next six or eight days I will check up every one of these accounts with your books and show that they are right.

SIR ADAM BECK: You may have them. You've had them two or three times already.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sir Adam says you may have them, Mr. Clancy.

A MEMBER: Do you mean the books?

MR. CLANCY: No, I mean access to the vouchers and accounts which are in the possession of the Commission.

SIR ADAM BECK: Will you admit that you have had them two or three times?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then what is the benefit of having them again?

A.—None whatever unless you cast doubt on the statements contained in these books, unless you cast doubt on the accuracy of the statement we have showing the expenditure at \$17,000,000 it would be a waste of time to refer to them again . . . I want to make good what I said a moment ago with respect to discrediting these various accounts which have been recorded. In the report of the advising accountant of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario in answer to the report issued by the Provincial Auditor of Ontario relative to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission accounts. On page three of this statement the following is stated on behalf of the Commission:

“No attempt at an audit even by the methods employed by the Department was made until the end of 1914, with the exception of procuring vouchers with details. Quite late in 1915 the Department again requested all vouchers from the commencement of operation, together with cancelled checks and all transfers and credits, not from the book records but from the loose material and scraps of paper, which the Department was willing to use in lieu of the actual bound ledger records of the Commission.”

Could there be a more complete discrediting of the accounts that we were following in that statement, the accounts which we received from the Commission are their own accounts. Could anything, speaking metaphorically, be more damning in discrediting completely the whole of the evidence on which we relied and which we know is correct?

HON. MR. MCGARRY: In demanding these vouchers from the Hydro-Electric Commission were you following the system you adopt in reference to the various departments of Government?

A.—We follow absolutely the same system followed at Ottawa, the same system followed in every Province in the Dominion and followed here in respect to the great expending departments. We never think of asking to look at their books.

Q.—Every voucher has to be produced?

A.—Yes. Every voucher is produced, every voucher is audited. We never examine books because we make up books from the vouchers in every case. In this case we have followed the custom not only in Canada but as respects the expending departments in this Province.

Q.—As I understand, you say your books accord with the contents of the vouchers?

A.—They accord with the vouchers absolutely and we are prepared to show that by checking them if anybody doubts it.

SIR ADAM BECK: But you are the accounting department for all these departments. They do not keep their own books, do they?

A.—All of them, every one of them. They would be strange departments if they did not.

Q.—The same way we do?

A.—Not in the same way, I do not think, but they keep books.

Q.—How do you know, you never saw our books?

A.—If the reflex is anything to judge from I would say they are not the same. I want now to refer to another matter in relation to expenditure and distribution. That statement (indicating) indicates that these distributions are made from the general expenditures and the total of the distributions should accord and does accord with the total of the general expenditures. If these were never altered afterwards by the Commission then all we would have to do would be to examine the first entries and to compare them with the details; but they indicate another change at the will of the Commission. If that distribution is made these accounts indicate the various changes, but the sum total of the expenditures is not altered.

MR. CARTER: You do not mean that after these are distributed to the different departments, that after these accounts are made up that they again distribute them or change them?

A.—They do.

Q.—What do you mean by that, give us what is in your mind?

A.—Take the expenditure as shown in that one item there. That is the expenditure that is distributed to the several services and at the end the whole sum should be equal to the sum there, and is equal. That is the first distribution of this amount—now later on—take, for instance, here is a statement as rendered by the Audit Office, where they have changed the amount in respect to this. This is a statement signed by the Chief Engineer of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in which they say this “*re* distribution of general expenditure for the month of October, please credit general expenditure with \$8,131.32 and debit the various accounts as follows—here you can see the details. When we receive that, what is called a statement of transfers, we follow this and make the corrections as they have made them, in our books and the sum of the whole expenditure is not altered in the least, it is a mere shifting of the burden—in the first instance at the will of the Commission and in the second instance at the will of the Commission. We follow them in every case because it does not alter the general expenditure in the least because the sum total of all of these at the end of the period must accord with the general expenditure.

MR. CARTER: Will the effect of these changes be to alter the cost of any particular part of the entire works?

A.—Oh, yes; because it is all a matter of distribution, because there is nothing in the general expenditure that would make up or locate any expenditure as belonging to any particular service. That is done entirely by the Commission.

MR. MCCREA: The effect of these changes then would not be to alter the total but the expenditures of the individual departments going to make up the whole altered and shifted?

A.—Quite so.

Q.—Do these changes amount to much? Are there many changes?

A.—There is a very considerable number. . . . We do not undertake to call into question whether these allotments are correct or incorrect. They are made up by the Commission and we accept them as such, and we enter them as such. No objection has been taken and no ground taken by the Audit Office in criticism of the distributions or the transfers made in respect to the distributions afterwards. The Commission may have their own reasons satisfactory to them, but whatever they are they are not called in question by the Auditor. . . .

MR. CARTER: Now, has there been any change in the records for these different services; the cheques, they are never changed?

A.—No. The cheque relates to the original expenditure. No cheques are issued after that. These distributions are made by the Commission after the account is paid for in such proportion as the Commission may think proper, and after they have been done in that way in the first instance and where the distribution has been altered again by transfers we do not call in question their right to do so in the first instance or later on where no cheques are issued. We follow them in every case. Not a complaint has been made or an objection taken from first to last.

Q.—Then where is the real complaint?

A.—The real complaint is that while there is no objection taken and while we follow everything of the Commission itself by way of distribution and transfer affecting this distribution, while we follow that, it has been pointed out in the report to the House that the Commission has no power to distribute burdens upon individuals or upon municipalities or upon this Province. It has no power under the Act to do any such thing. The functions of the Legislature must be at once assumed. So long as we live under the rule of law the Legislature must be the supreme power in Government, and the Commission has assumed the power of the Legislature in attempting to distribute these and to deal with them in the manner in which it has done, although we have not called in question the accuracy, the general expenditure and the amounts involved by reason of that.

MR. ROWELL: Before we leave that, Mr. Clancy, what do you mean by saying the Commission distributed the burdens, do you mean distribution as between the Provinces and the municipalities?

A.—No, I am dealing with another distribution. A fair comparison would be the legislative control that is properly exercised over all the expenditures of the executive departments in this Province. There is no item that is not designated, that is not definitely stated in the estimates.

Q.—Then, do I understand that your contention is that estimates should be presented covering the expenditure of the different departments, that these estimates should be voted by the Legislature and the expenditure made in accordance with them?

A.—That would involve a suggestion. What I say is that it is impossible to have legislative control unless the Legislature takes into its own hands the spending of moneys for the precise purpose it intends.

Q.—You spoke of the distribution and changes from that first distribution. Does that distribution determine how much would be charged to the municipalities as their share of the cost of the work—or has it anything to do with that?

A.—It is distributed to the services, the services mentioned here show what they are without distributing them to particular municipalities—in these statements which we file. It will be seen here that these services are named.

Q.—Who distributes it to the different municipalities? Who determines the amount charged against any particular municipality on what we might describe as the account on which interest and sinking fund and other charges are paid by the municipalities?

A.—That is disclosed on the face of these statements involving the distribution. I will take the Niagara system and take the class of services under that; one is right of way, there is steel tower lines, wood pole lines, transformer stations, distributing stations and other rural construction. That would indicate from the very nature of the services that that was capital account, nothing more definite than that could we have.

Q.—Just a moment. Who determines what proportion of that particular capital expenditure should be charged to the different municipalities coming within the scope of the Niagara system?

A.—That would only be a presumption by me. We did not reach that step as between the municipalities. We are confined to what is charged to that system.

Q.—Does your audit deal with the charging to a particular municipality of their portion of expenditure?

A.—It does not. That has not been called in question in any shape or form.

Q.—Does the audit cover that?

A.—Nothing in the audit, because there were no records in connection with that.

Q.—Can you determine how much is charged to a particular municipality as its proportion of the total capital cost? Or would the Commission determine that?

A.—Quite so.

Q.—The Commission determines the amount which shall be paid by each municipality?

A.—That is within the power of the Commission.

Q.—Would these changes you speak of, these changes in the distribution, might they in any way affect the amount which would be charged to any particular municipality as its share of the capital cost?

A.—Very seriously. We do not pretend to pass judgment upon that. It would affect everybody and every municipality throughout the Province which is in any of the systems by any of the changes of the burdens just in the same way as you change the burdens among men. It might affect them and affect them seriously. But I will not undertake to say that these have not been proper distributions.

MR. MCCREA: Before Mr. Clancy gets through I would like to ask him a question. Look at this distribution sheet, as I understand the Hydro system a certain amount is charged up as capital account for power transmission, and on that charge the municipalities pay interest?

Q.—How much is amount, have you that there, what is the total amount charged to capital account for these transmission lines against which the Government expects interest from the municipalities?

A.—I hold in my hand a statement showing the total capital expenditure as indicated from the distribution sheets and as corrected afterwards by the transfers, giving credit in every instance where any money is received, and the total sum for capital account for all the systems is \$11,601,834.99, to that there is added interest charges, namely, \$321,381.23, which added to that \$11,601,834.99 makes \$11,933,216.22.

MR. ROWELL: What was that \$321,000?

A.—That was for interest added during the period of construction. The Commission gives each of these systems credit for cash which we find in their cash books and they gave them credit for sums of money paid in for some cause or other.

SIR ADAM BECK: Surely you know what it came in for. "Some cause or other" is very indefinite.

A.—I will produce that for Sir Adam later on. Nobody is questioning that . . . \$114,807.08 was placed to the credit individually of all these, that being the sum total. Take that from the capital expenditure with the interest added to date would leave an expenditure upon which the municipalities in the systems collectively would pay interest of \$11,803,339.14. Now you will observe that there has been an expenditure put in here of \$321,381.23 claimed by the Commission that is not an expenditure at all. It is the addition of the

sums the municipalities should pay although it is put in here. If you give credit to the municipalities for the sum allowed here of \$114,877.08 the net difference is \$206,504.15.

MR. MCCREA: What would the payments of interest on that amount be?

A.—If it was paid promptly from the year 1910 they would pay \$25,304.18.

Q.—What for?

A.—That would be interest and sinking fund, because they are inseparably interlinked. Under the Act it is perfectly plain as worked out that the municipalities must pay within a period of thirty years so much of interest and so much of principal as will discharge the whole debt in thirty years.

Q.—What basis is that on?

A.—The Act says 4 *per cent.* For the year 1911 the sum that would be payable to the Province on that basis would be \$146,772.34, in 1912 the sum payable to the Province would be \$224,811.50; that is including interest and sinking fund; for 1913 it would be \$250,301.87; for 1914, \$326,564.54; for 1915, the year just closed, the sum that would be payable to the Province as interest and sinking fund on the whole capital investment as stated here would be \$548,699.61.

Q.—Does that include the total of the previous years?

A.—I have given it to you for each respective year.

Q.—The total interest and sinking fund if received to date would be the sum total of these figures and the sum total would be \$1,532,454.04?

A.—That is the total. As far as we have been able to tell from the cash book of the Commission there has been only \$119,000 of sinking fund they have paid in. I do not want to give a wrong impression. There has been interest paid in and sinking fund. The total sum as sinking fund and interest would represent the whole sum paid in by the Commission from first to last. That amount is \$1,333,121.93. That is the total amount paid in by the Commission for sinking fund and interest. In fact, for any purpose. That is the total paid in.

MR. SINCLAIR: That would be only \$200,000 short.

MR. MCCREA: The total sum shown in the total as due on moneys advanced is \$1,532,000, and the amount received \$1,133,000.

A.—We have not attempted to take and make any such comparison. The statement I have read from here only discloses what the facts would be generally. The sums that are paid in must be dealt with in respect to the whole payments and the whole expenditures.

Q.—Has the Government allocated the receipt of these moneys for sinking fund to take care of the money loaned for these purposes? How much has the Government allocated for that purpose?

A.—None that I know of.

Q.—Why?

A.—I cannot answer for what the Government does. None is really allocated under the Act.

Q.—You have told us that the sum total advanced by the Government to the Hydro on which the municipalities will pay interest is \$11,808,339.14?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Has there been any sum granted by the Government to the Commission in addition to that on which the municipalities pay? For interest and a lot of preliminary work, such as surveys?

A.—That is all charged to general expenditure.

Q.—Do the municipalities pay interest on that?

A.—They pay interest during the period of construction. That is added to capital expenditure and then they pay interest on that on capital account.

Q.—I understand, Sir Adam, that you make surveys, as I understand you have done in the French River section, what municipality is that charged to?

SIR ADAM BECK: That is charged to the Province of Ontario. If we do work for any municipality operating an electric system that municipality pays the cost of the work we do, the services of engineers on account of that municipality. In cases such as the investigation of water powers, that is paid by the Province of Ontario.

Q.—How much is the total of that sum?

A.—Last year there was an appropriation of \$200,000.

Q.—What is the total amount since the Hydro started?

HON. MR. MCGARRY: \$924,000.

MR. MCCREA: Does the Government pay interest on that?

MR. MCGARRY: Nobody pays interest on that. It is charged to the Government.

Q.—Then it doesn't form any part of the amount upon which the municipalities pay interest?

A.—Not at all. . . .

MR. CLANCY: Before leaving that question I want to say that there is an entire misconception upon this point. The sum the Province pays is just what the Commission may allot to it at its sweet will, because it is not determined in any other way. The Act provides that it is all chargeable to the Commission, therefore they have no authority under the Act whatever, as an exercise of will, to charge the Province during the period from 1909 to 1915 inclusive the sum of \$835,718.35. That is what in the judgment of the Commission should be charged to this Province without any authority for doing it. It has been stated by Sir Adam Beck that there was an appropriation. Reading from this report made by Mr. Andrews at page 4 this is stated in respect to this subject:—

“With regard to the statement that according to the method cited by fixing the respective shares of the burden of such expenditures to be borne, the Commission has charged the Province during the years 1909 to 1915 with \$835,718.35. By reference to The Power Commission Act it will be noted that the Commission by the various sections is authorized to make reports and investigations into water power, estimate, upon the application of municipalities, the cost of power; investigate complaints in respect to electrical installations and arbitrate differences as to the underground systems, etc., for which purposes sums of money have been annually appropriated by vote of the Legislature in addition to the appropriations for the expenditures on behalf of the municipalities, all these expenditures are distributed as made, against the actual work done under the respective accounts.”

I have with me the estimates, which I desire to lay on the table, for the years from 1909 to 1915 inclusive, and I challenge anyone to find that a single penny was ever appropriated to carry on that work by the Province—and here are the estimates.

SIR ADAM BECK: They were, I suppose, included in the total amount provided in the estimates. Last year there was \$200,000 asked for by the Commission for 1914-1915. We spent \$219,000. We asked for it and I put it in myself. Of this amount we spent actually \$19,442.17 for work in the Niagara district, at present charged to the Province, but when work is begun the Province will be credited and the Niagara development debited; \$633.33 for electrical inspection. The Province, through the Commission, took over the inspection of wiring and appointing inspectors instead of the municipalities. The first year we were \$17,000 short on account of this work. While that shows a debit charged to the Province we hope to overcome that amount next year, because we have got our rates in such a condition that the revenue will exceed the expenditure and, of course, that comes to the Province. These two amounts were the cause of us overrunning the \$200,000 asked for for investigation of these several works which are not chargeable to any of the municipalities.

MR. MCCREA: Was no appropriation made for this work?

HON. MR. MCGARRY: No separate amount was every brought down in the estimates.

SIR ADAM BECK: We specified the amounts required for the particular work we intended performing during the year. The Government might have lumped it, but I had it in our statement to the Government, and this \$200,000 was specifically asked for to carry on the work chargeable to the Government which cannot be charged to the municipalities.

MR. MCCREA: Then the moneys received for purposes other than those chargeable to the municipalities are contained in that lump sum?

SIR ADAM BECK: I suppose it is all there.

MR. SINCLAIR: Where did you get this extra amount to spend?

SIR ADAM BECK: We have moneys always coming and going. We have a great deal belonging to the municipalities.

MR. CLANCY: According to this mode of financing, the Commission contrary to the provisions of section 22 and without any authority have charged to the Province for 1909, \$37,106.37; for 1910, \$44,543.32; for 1911, \$102,225.89; for 1912, \$152,341.55; for 1913, \$136,930.59; for 1914, \$119,569.49; for 1915, \$243,011.34, making in all \$835,718.35. Under the law as it now stands there is no authority for placing any such expenditure against the Province. The Legislature alone had the power to impose and definitely fix burdens on the Province.

MR. MCCREA: I have this voucher 6968 and the cheque of the Hydro Commission attached. I see that the distribution stated on the cheque is to the following different services: "Niagara, Severn, Wasdell's Falls, St. Lawrence, Port Arthur, Eugenia, Provincial account, General accounts, other systems." Now, if this is for the Niagara system and chargeable against it, am I correct in assuming that that distribution is against all the municipalities according to their share in that system?

A.—We do not know, because that forms no part of our audit. Under the Act they have absolute power to make such distribution as they like on three services; that is, of the original expenditure. They have power to make them and they have made them. They have the power to fix each year the sums that municipalities must pay for maintenance, operation and for power. They assume to have power under the Act to fix the proportion of general expenditure on each municipality and to have power under the Act to fix the expenditure for capital expenditure.

Q.—One more question. You say that when you first received these accounts from the Hydro-Electric Commission the distribution was made out and you entered it into your books at that time according to that distribution?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you have subsequently found—where it had been a mistake or for whatever the reason—that the distribution originally made was changed?

A.—Yes, that is correct . . . but while that is correct as a statement of fact, it was not of any importance or did we attach importance to the changes that were made, because they did not alter the general expenditure.

Q.—Are you able to say whether any distribution of accounts credited to any particular system change the burden which would otherwise be borne by any particular municipality?

A.—That would be a matter of opinion that I would not like to venture.

Q.—Any distribution or change of any kind for whatever reason is made solely and entirely as the Hydro-Electric Commission sees fit. You had nothing to do but accept it. Is that right?

A.—We accepted them and followed them carefully.

MR. ROWELL: Are you in a position to say whether that distribution governs or fixes the amount which any municipality in the general system pays as its portion of the Hydro-Electric system?

A.—Nothing more than what would be a presumption.

The Committee then adjourned.

Public Accounts Committee,

April 6, 1915.

The Committee met at 10.22 a.m.

Upon the motion of Hon. Mr. McGarry, Mr. McCrea took the Chair.

MR. CLANCY recalled.

MR. ROWELL: Take the points in your report, Mr. Clancy. Have you any further statement you wish to make in reference to that, and then we can hear the explanation the Hydro-Electric Commission wishes to make.

A.—I have not completed my statement with reference to my reasons for putting that footnote in the Public Accounts, and I would like to complete that statement. Having reference to the footnote on page 555 for the year 1915—the following footnote was placed there by me, which reads as follows: “The foregoing statement was prepared by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and does not represent the accounts of the Commission as audited by the Audit Office.” . . . That statement had relation to the accounts as kept by the Hydro-Electric Commission. It was confined alone to the statement on pages 553-4-5 and any references that have been made during this inquiry as to the manner in which the books of the Commission have been kept has not been made by me, because I have not made any statement casting the slightest discredit upon the manner in which the books have been kept. It has been confined alone to the statement appearing in the Public Accounts to which this note refers and any observations that have been made here as to the excellency of the style of bookkeeping and so on is, of course, a matter quite outside of the question in which we are engaged. . . . In regard to that footnote I want to say that in the first instance my reason for placing it there was an impression sought to be made upon the public, judging entirely from the statement itself, that the Hydro-Electric Commission was keeping its expenditure well within the sums advanced from year to year by the Province. That feature of the statement, as it was a feature of the preceding statements that were given from year to year to the Provincial Treasurer, was what I wished to draw attention to.

MR MCCREA: The statement to which your footnote appears is on page 555? Where does that statement commence?

A.—On page 553. There is more than one statement. There are three statements really involved in this—two—three almost, and the note had reference to the whole of them.

Q.—Then your footnote refers to the statements on pages 553, 554 and 555?

A.—Yes. . . . The total expenditure shown for the whole period of 1909 to 1915 inclusive in that statement to which I referred, in accordance with that statement is \$12,801,712.06. In that is included an expenditure of \$219,490.84 that is charged up to the Province by the Commission. The actual expenditures for the whole period amounted to \$17,359,620.55 as compared with \$12,801,712.06. The difference has been concealed from the public in that statement. The statement as it appears in the Public Accounts purposes, as far as anyone would know who had no direct access to the accounts, to show the whole expenditure of the Hydro-Electric Commission during that period. Therefore, both with regard to the amount of expenditure and the amount of the receipts that the Commission had during that period there had been a withholding of information that the public alone could judge by as to what actually took place. The expenditure shown in the statement of the Commission, as I have already stated, was \$12,801,712.06, while they had actually expended during that period \$4,557,908.49 more than that, so that the sum had been concealed—so far as that statement is concerned. In other words, the Commission has never made any statement, so far as I know, no statement of all the expenditure they have engaged in and made. They have only given that portion published in the statement of the Commission from year to year which makes, concluding with the whole of the years, \$12,801,712.06. instead of concluding with \$17,359,620.55 as the actual expenditure.

SIR ADAM BECK: I take exception to the word concealed. Mr. Clancy may say that the whole statement of our cash account is not in the Public Accounts. That is, the moneys we received on account of the sale of power to the municipalities and expenditures on account of purchase of power from the companies, and the operation of that system do not appear in the Public Accounts. I object to the word concealed.

MR. CLANCY: The fact is that Sir Adam is discussing one matter and I am discussing another. I am discussing the expenditure, apart from how you use the moneys.

SIR ADAM BECK: I say that information is public property, because it is available, because it appears in our report, not in the Public Accounts. Mr. Clancy is not stating the facts fairly, or correctly, or properly.

MR. MCCREA ruled that if Mr. Clancy took responsibility for his statements and held that he needed to make the statement in that form to make his meaning clear he should be permitted to do so.

MR. CLANCY: I do not want to leave any false impression upon the minds of this Committee in any shape or form. That will serve no purpose. I desire to make the plain statement, as disclosed in the records of the Commission, appearing as covering the years 1909 to 1915 inclusive that there was an expenditure of \$4,557,908.49 that does not appear in that statement or in any other statement made by the Commission that I am aware of. Therefore, I say for the purpose, not of making the truth plainer, but to emphasize it, that since the expenditure took place, that the statement fails to disclose to the public all the information, as respects the whole matter, to which, I submit, the public is entitled. That is my statement. I adhere to the statement I have already made that it is disclosed here on the face of that statement itself. I want to call the attention of the Committee to the fact that up to this the Commission has not made a single statement showing the whole receipts and expenditures of the Commission.

SIR ADAM BECK: We never pretend to give you that. We give you a statement of assets and liabilities and nothing else. The statement of our revenue and expenditure is in the report of the Commission, which is submitted to the House and to the municipalities.

MR. CLANCY: Therefore the public are entirely uninformed.

SIR ADAM BECK: Excuse me. They are not uninformed at all. We do not pretend to give an accounting to you of our expenditures. They are in the report of the Commission.

MR. CLANCY: The public are uninformed as to the expenditure of this \$4,557,908.49. That is the fact. Now dealing with this statement made from year to year up to any including the year 1914—the total sum from the commencement of 1909 to 1914 inclusive shows in the several statements of the Commission from year to year an expenditure of \$11,120,702.13. In the statement of 1914 we have, that includes all the years past in that statement, and there is put the sum of \$10,130,048.83 thereby showing side by side in the statements a difference of \$990,653.30. I have leaves here taken from the Public Accounts showing the statements of the Commission from year to year.

MR. McCREA: What statements were you referring to?

A.—I have made reference to the statements given to the Honourable Provincial Treasurer from year to year by the Commission and following these as they appear in that statement the result is just as I say, that notwithstanding the actual expenditure shown during that period the expenditure was to the year 1914, as noted at page 601 of the Public Accounts of 1914 ending with the words total expenditure, \$10,130,048.83. That is the statement of the Hydro-Electric Commission. The heading of that expenditure which concludes with the sum I have just stated is—this is to October 31st, 1914. Following is a statement of expenditures on capital account including Niagara, Severn,

Waddell, St. Lawrence, Eugenia, Port Arthur and Renfrew systems also municipal construction, chargeable stock on hand and tools, together with expenditure on behalf of the Province and the whole at the conclusion of that statement gives a total expenditure of \$10,130,048.83.

MR McCREA: The statement to which you are now referring is contained in Exhibit 4 being a number of sheets made up from various pages of the Public Accounts in a white paper cover and labelled "statements prepared by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and printed in the Public Accounts for the fiscal years 1909 to 1915 inclusive," the statement referred to being a statement as shown on pages 599 and 600 of the Public Accounts of 1913-14 and the top of page 601 of the Public Accounts of 1913-14.

MR. CLANCY: What I wanted to conclude with was that that statement was made notwithstanding that the total expenditure from 1909 to 1914 inclusive according to the Commission's statements amounted to \$11,120,702.13, so that the difference in the conclusions of the whole sum expended during that period and what is stated by the Commission to be the whole sum expended in that period is \$990,653. I stated that the Commission gave from their statements from year to year and at the concluding year 1915, the impression that they had kept within the advances that were properly made by the Province, the statements on which the Province alone could have any knowledge of expenditures going wide or beyond the money furnished for that purpose. The total expenditure of the Commission from 1909 to 1914 as shown in their statements and including the last statement as a total for 1915, the expenditure covering the whole period was \$12,801,712.06. The advance made by the Province during that period was \$13,169,000, the Commission's statements showing that it had not exceeded the advances made by the Province to the extent of \$367,287.94—in other words the public were entirely uninformed as to the real state of things as they existed. Now there is just one thing more in relation to the statements appearing on pages 553-4 and 555 that I desire to call attention to, and to which my footnote had reference. It is this in the statement of what is called liabilities—on page 553 Niagara system surplus applicable to sinking fund and depreciation reserve account \$583,754.74. Severn system, surplus applicable to sinking fund and depreciation reserve account \$16,774.46, Port Arthur surplus applicable to sinking fund and depreciation reserve account \$24,212.85; Welland system, surplus applicable to sinking fund and depreciation reserve account \$306.06; St. Lawrence system, surplus applicable to sinking fund and depreciation reserve account \$676.54; Ottawa system, surplus applicable to sinking fund \$5.06; storehouse and laboratory operation surplus \$7,106.64; garage and machine shop operation surplus \$1,724.57 and interesting amounting to \$28,553, making a total of \$663,113.92. That would appear to the public to be funds in the hands of the Commission for the purposes named there. I want to state that there is not one copper of funds there; whatever the liability is there is not one copper in the hands of the Commission.—Sir Adam objected to this statement insisting that the Commission had the money in the form of buildings and other assets to

which it had been devoted. The chairman ruled that Mr. Clancy had a right to make his statement if he accepted responsibility for it, and that Sir Adam would have ample opportunity to meet it later.

MR. CLANCY: Sir Adam tells us the sums are surplus sums belonging to the municipalities. I am not calling that in question at all. All I say is that whether they belong to the municipalities or to the Province there is nothing in the hands of the Commission to pay them. . . . I desire to conclude in saying that I accept, whether right or wrong, the statement that Sir Adam Beck has made, namely, that the sum of \$663,113.92 represents funds in the hands of the Commission that belong to the municipalities. Whether that statement be right or wrong I do not call it in question. All I have to say is that the Commission has no such sum or any sum in their hands to pay it.

SIR ADAM BECK: You mean that the money is not on deposit in the banks to the credit of the Commission in actual cash?

A.—There is no evidence that it is anywhere, in the hands of the Commission or otherwise, to meet that sum which is stated to belong to the municipalities.

MR. ROWELL: You have heard Sir Adam Beck state that these funds are represented in buildings and certain other assets of the Commission. What do you say to that?

A.—I say that that is impossible because the buildings stand by themselves. They have been paid for. Even if such a contention might be made you would have to realize on these buildings in order to pay back to the municipalities the moneys held in trust, so to speak, by the Commission. That is what it would mean. Nobody would say that it was intended to realize upon any building or other property for the purpose of paying the debt they owe to the municipalities for money collected.

MR. ROWELL: There might be a legal question of whether it is proper to invest sinking funds in new buildings.

SIR ADAM BECK: These are not sinking funds, but applicable to sinking funds. (To Mr. Clancy) Do I understand you to say that there is no investment of any kind representing this money?

A.—None whatever.

Q.—Then what has been done with the money?

A.—Sir Adam and the Commission have spent that and it is included in the expenditure of \$17,000,000 odd.

MR. ROWELL: What is it represented by then. Can you tell us?

A.—I think the nearest I can come to it is that it has no substance, it is a sort of book-keeping fiction because it is not related to any funds invested and there are none in the hands of the Commission to invest.

SIR ADAM BECK: Is it fiction? You say that was a part of the \$17,000,000 that we spent. Do you mean that we spent it without receiving it?

A.—I am speaking of the funds pretended to be in the hands of the Commission.

Q.—I want to ask you whether or not you presume that we have expended \$17,000,000 without receiving that much? It could not be fiction.

A.—I did not refer to expenditure when I said that it perhaps was a book-keeping fiction. When I make reference to that I have entirely confined myself to the statement here, irrespective of any expenditure. I was asked if it were not an investment and were not to be found anywhere then where did the money come from? I only referred to the expenditure then when I stated that it would appear to have been all expended by the Commission of which \$17,000,000 odd instead of \$12,000,000 is disclosed.

HON. MR. MCGARRY: What is the total amount of the sinking fund paid to the Government since the inception of this system? We received last year the first payment of sinking fund. What was that?

A.—That was \$175,000.

Q.—As a matter of fact, that was the first payment of sinking fund from the Hydro?

A.—Yes, the first one, so far as it was earmarked as such.

Q.—As I take it, the statement here would show the Hydro-Electric Commission had collected moneys which were applicable to sinking fund, far in excess of the amount paid over to the Government?

A.—Yes, \$583,000 from the Niagara system alone.

Q.—As I understand it the item Niagara system, surplus applicable to sinking fund and depreciation reserve account \$583,754 includes the moneys that had been received as sinking fund from the Niagara system?

A.—Yes, by the Commission.

Q.—And altogether the Government received only \$175,000 or as far as there is any indication of it?

A.—Yes.

SIR ADAM BECK: I would like to ask you a question, Mr. McGarry. Do you say moneys received by the Commission on account of sinking fund? Now the Commission has not collected any moneys from the municipalities on account of sinking fund.

HON. MR. MCGARRY: I read your own words. You show there is \$600,000 that has not been paid to the Government. The witness says we have only received \$175,000.

SIR ADAM BECK: I do not want the impression to go abroad or remain in the minds of the Committee that we have collected any moneys to pay to the Government on account of sinking fund. The Government undertook to waive the collection of sinking funds by the Commission for 5 or 6 years—the time

was not fixed. This year the Government asked for the sinking fund and it was paid.

MR. ROWELL: Then is the fact this: that while the Government did not ask you to provide a sinking fund or to secure it from the municipalities and pay it over you had secured a certain amount from the municipalities which would be applicable to sinking fund and which is referred to here?

SIR ADAM BECK: These were amounts received in excess of the moneys necessary to pay for power and operation and administration of the system, in the price of power levied on the municipalities. Let me give you a case to make it clear. In the case of the City of London we fixed the price of power at \$28. We had absolutely no knowledge as to the amount of power that would be used by the municipality. We fixed the price at \$28, and at the end of the year found we had sufficient money in that charge to pay the cost of power and interest charges and there was still money over and above that. The following year we reduced the price to \$24 and again we found money in excess of what was required. We were obliged to anticipate the amount required to pay sinking fund to the Government at the same time. We were obliged to maintain a price that would provide the sinking fund when the Government demanded it. So this surplus has accumulated and we have credited it to the municipalities so that if at any time the price was not sufficient to pay all expenses we had this reserve that we could pay the Government with and debit the municipalities if we were not charging enough to meet the sinking fund.

Q.—The statement “surplus applicable to sinking fund and depreciation reserve account” would be the sum in the hands of the Commission which you could use as against a claim which you might have against them for sinking fund?

A.—Yes, when the Government asked us for it.

Q.—Then does it anticipate, in effect, the payment of sinking fund by the municipalities?

A.—Yes, in thirty annual payments. The Government anticipated payments of 1.8 *per cent.* for thirty payments on account of sinking fund.

Q.—While not in fact a payment by the municipality in respect to sinking fund it stands in your books as a receipt from that municipality as against sinking fund?

A.—Yes, or to take care of depreciation. We have made the life of wood pole lines as fifteen years. We have an amount there to take care of this depreciation or deterioration, or changes because of new inventions. Therefore the municipalities are providing this amount of money which we hold in trust for them and which is drawing interest at the rate of 4 and $4\frac{1}{2}$ *per cent.* and goes to their credit annually. That is how that surplus accumulated. We must fix the price of power definitely to enable municipalities to fix their prices for power, and we must put it high enough so that we will not be obliged to increase that price. It would be a bad condition in any municipality if they were obliged to increase their power rates. Take the case of a large industry that

comes to a municipality where it is promised power at \$23. Should we be obliged to increase that rate to \$29 that concern would be located under a false impression and it would be a serious matter in the operation of that company in that municipality if we were obliged to advance prices. We fortify ourselves against that by having prices sufficiently high to provide moneys necessary when they are required.

MR. McCREA: This surplus of \$663,000, is that set apart as some fund or has that been partly spent, or where is this available to be applied to sinking fund or depreciation reserve account?

SIR ADAM BECK: It is available in this way. If any moneys were required we would ask the Government to advance this money used in constructing lines and buildings which are a guarantee to the Government of the moneys they have advanced.

Q.—You had this money and used it for other purposes than those to which it is applicable, and if you wanted to get this money represented there you would have to go back and borrow from the Government sufficient moneys to pay the purposes for which this has been advanced in the meantime?

A.—That is right.

The Committee then adjourned.

The Public Accounts Committee,

April 7th, 1915.

The Committee met at 11.30 a.m., with Mr. McCrea in the chair.

Mr. Clancy recalled.

MR. McCREA: Have you any further statement with reference to these statements you would like to refer to?

MR. CLANCY: I would like to refer to the statement put in by the Commission as statement No. 3 in the matter of the inquiry held here before the Public Accounts Committee (Exhibit No. 3*). The exhibit is put in for the purpose of showing that the report made to the Legislature by me is incorrect in showing that there is a shortage on the part of the Commission, in concluding their accounts—that is, in the balance that there is a shortage of \$172,619.14. The exhibit purposes to be for the purpose of showing that that is entirely incorrect.

MR. McCREA: Have you filed a statement of that kind?

A.—I filed no statement of that kind. I filed a statement showing the total transactions as to receipts and expenditures and the concluding adjustment

*See list of Exhibits at end of volume.

statement as to how the Commission stands at the close of the period for which we are now making inquiry. . . Exhibit I,* a copy of which I have in my hand, which says on the front page Report of the advising accountant of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario in answer to the report issued by the Provincial Auditor of Ontario relative to the accounts of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. . . On page 6 of this report is to be found as follows "names of accounts have been changed and arbitrary variation of distribution has been made." We have not changed a single name of an account. We have not instituted or found any name that was not given us. The Commission changed the names of their accounts from time to time in their distribution as they had a right to do. We followed their distributions and we followed their changes and there has not been a single name of any account or matter entered in the books of the Audit Office that was not furnished in the first instance by the Commission and followed afterwards by the Audit Office. Proceeding it states that the only way to examine the two statements, that of the Audit Office and that of the Commission is to bring them together with the full data from which they have been produced and compare them item by item. In the meantime that statement has been prepared—the statement to which I have referred (Exhibit 3)—setting forth in parallel columns the amount of each account specifically with the various differences. This statement says that "these columns if they accomplish nothing more show at least that the alleged amount stated in the auditors report as unaccounted for—\$172,619.04 disappears," and it concludes, "It may be said that the copy of the Auditor's report contains several inaccuracies in the additions pointing to carelessness in preparation." I read this for the purpose of showing the great minuteness in endeavoring to discredit by the smallest things the report made by me in respect to this matter. Commencing now with the first, I am speaking of Exhibit 3. The comparison is made here in parallel columns, of, not the whole expenditure by the Commission but that portion it has been pleased to give to the public namely the \$12,801,711.06 excluding the expenditure of \$4,557,908.49. The comparison is not made of the whole expenditure as we see it. The comparison is made in that statement by the Commission excluding the large sum to which I have just referred, namely \$4,557,908.49.

MR. ROWELL: What is it you said you wanted to speak about?

A.—Just in a moment. The statement made by the Commission in Exhibit 3 is made for the purpose of showing that the sum stated in the report showing that the Commission were unable to account for \$172,619.04—I am referring to my report as Auditor—had no existence. In my report summing up the whole of the receipts excluding those advanced by the Province to the Commission and giving credit for all payments the Commission have made to the Province there is a shortage outside altogether of the money in the bank and unwarrantable advances \$172,619.14. I am unable to account for that difference. We have no trace of it, we only know that the Commission is that much short. It may possibly be accounted for in what is known as the Lobb matter.

MR SINCLAIR: Does that appear in their report?

A.—It doesn't appear in their report. I have for the year 1909 the report made by the Commission to the Provincial Treasurer in which there appears the sum, according to that report of \$21,204.39. The Audit Office has never been able to find any accounting for that sum in all the inquiry it has been able to make up to that period.

Q.—What is it called there?

A.—I will read it if the Committee desire, A. F. Lobb, \$2,079.37; disbursements of A. F. Lobb to be accounted for as follows: June 7th, Wm. Whitehead, \$1,500; July 20th, C. J. McCormick, \$1,130; August 25-7th, W. A. Reid, \$3,000; Lundy's Lane fees charged A. F. Lobb, \$7,745, sundry advances to be accounted for \$5,500, in all \$21,204.39. We have been unable to find any trace of accounting for that or adjustment for that.

Q.—Were there no vouchers?

A.—We had nothing to show it. We were not able to get hold of Lobb's bank books or get connected directly with Lobb. We were not able to do that. Whether there was any larger sum involved in connection with Lobb I am unable to say.

Q.—Why would Lobb have moneys in his hands?

A.—He was a servant of the Commission and as such would appear to have been advanced moneys.

Q.—That would not be treated as a proper disbursement in connection with your figures?

A.—That was only money tentatively held to be accounted for later. It was never, so far as we know, accounted for.

Q.—So that you have given them credit for none of that on the disbursement side?

A.—No, we did not.

MR. ROWELL: Just one or two questions, Mr. Clancy. When did you first discover the matters which you have dealt with in your report to the Provincial Treasurer?

A.—I never was able to make a definite discovery of the true state of things until the close of the last fiscal year, or about then. We had accounts from the Commission from time to time but we had at no time sufficient information as to the actual expenditure that was going on until about the close of 1915.

Q.—You tell us you were unable to get the accounts complete before. Did you advise the Government?

A.—I advised the Government during the latter part of the year 1909 because we had been pressing for them, and I advised the Government from time to time and the Government took it up, I might say most energetically. I am disclosing no secret when I say that I intimated to the Government that it was not proper for me to sign cheques to be issued to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission until they put in proper accounts against the sums already advanced.

Q.—When did you do that?

A.—That would be along about, commencing July or August of 1915.

Q.—When did you first advise the Government of the difficulty you were meeting with in connection with the accounts—in 1909 you say?

A.—I advised the Government from time to time during the whole period we were not getting the accounts. During the whole period we were not getting the accounts I was unable to make any definite statement as to what the standing of affairs was.

Q.—Did you as Provincial Auditor keep the Government fully informed of the position as you found it or didn't find it?

A.—I did keep the Government fully informed to the extent of my information and that was that up to that time I had not received full accounts and pressed for them very energetically from time to time. I may say that the Treasurers in succession showed a desire to have the proper accounts rendered for auditing from time to time.

Q.—Then when did you first get the facts—substantially as you have embodied them in your report—what you state are facts?

A.—We were not able to get at these facts until sometime in January 1916, when we got what are alleged to be complete accounts.

Q.—Then did you submit the situation to the Government before you prepared your report?

A.—Oh, no. I prepared my report quite outside of the Government, and the first intimation the Government had was when they received my report.

Q.—That was the first knowledge they had of it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And not up to that time did you get the facts, as you say, in connection with the full accounting?

A.—Not until that time.

Q.—Turning to your report, Mr. Clancy, perhaps you could just make a little clearer to some of us just what is the significance of the item you have dealt with in your report; take paragraph 2 of page 7. You say the “expenditures made by the Commission from moneys advanced by the Province under the provisions of section 14 of the Power Commission Act, the amounts so expended still remaining under the Act.” What is the significance of that, Mr. Clancy?

A.—The significance of that is that for the years 1906-1907-1908 there was an expenditure of \$118,663.69 for all of which proper accounts were put in and closed up, the Commission having at the last of these years paid in the sum unexpended and in its hands, and closing it out. That stood because there was no authority for charging that to the Province. Under the Act the expenditure in connection with works undertaken are to be paid by the municipalities. That has stood forth since undisposed of. No appropriation was ever taken for it that it should be charged to the Province and the sum stands there now until it is otherwise dealt with as a sum due the Province. Whether the Province should bear that or not I make no comment. I only state facts.

Q.—Let me understand you. The expenditure has been made by the Commission covering the years you have mentioned, an amount of \$118,663, which they have not charged in their books as against particular municipalities

but is charged in their books as against the Government but that so far no appropriation has been made by the Government to meet it?

A.—It has been charged to the Government. The expenditure has been charged for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Hydro-Electric Commission, no allotments were ever made among the municipalities and the whole sum standing there has gone over from year to year.

MR. McCREA: Do you mean that this \$118,663.69 forms no part of the total expenditure of \$17,000,000 odd?

A.—None whatever.

MR. CARTER: As far as you can say the Commission went outside its statutory powers to do it. They have vouchers for it, only it was really outside the law. Is that the point?

A.—No, I have not called in question the matter of going outside their powers. I have merely related the fact. For the purpose of Hydro-Electric work in 1906, \$26,000 was spent. That stands with full details of every one of the expenditures, printed in the Public Accounts. For 1907, there was \$40,524.21—that was treated in precisely the same way. In 1908, there was an expenditure of \$52,139.48 which was treated in the same way and is published in the Public Accounts. This is merely historical. The accounts we are dealing with now commenced after all these had been closed with the year 1909. This forms no part of the subject of inquiry here in any shape or form.

MR. SINCLAIR: That is the total of \$118,000 odd?

A.—Yes. These are not brought in in any shape or form with the accounts we are inquiring into here. They are not connected for the purpose of accounting in any shape or form with the accounts that were only closed with the close of 1915, commencing with 1909.

MR. MUSGROVE: Those amounts are charged to the general revenue of the Province are they not?

A.—No, they are charged to the appropriation made under the Act for the uses of the Commission and so it stands yet.

MR. ROWELL: The item you say is still undisposed of and treated as a debt by the Commission to the Province?

A.—Yes, a debt by the Commission to the Province.

MR. McCREA: I do not know whether I understand Mr. Rowell's question in the way that you do. Mr. Rowell asked if the moneys referred to for 1906, 1907 and 1908, a total of \$118,663.69 which have been expended have not yet been authorized by the Government?

A.—There has been no action taken by anyone that I am aware of authorizing that to be charged to the Province.

Q.—Where did the money come from to pay these accounts by the Commission?

A.—The money was advanced out of the appropriation for the purposes of the Commission, and was expended and so it stands yet.

Q.—Was there authorization for this amount going to the Commission originally?

A.—There was.

Q.—By whom?

A.—By the Act of the Legislature. Under section 14 the Lieutenant-Governor in Council might from time to time raise by way of loans in the manner provided for by the Provincial Loans Act such sums as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem reasonable for the purposes of this Act, and such sums might be paid over to the Commission and shall be accounted for to the Auditor in the manner provided for in respect to the management of public revenues and public accounts. Under the authority of that section advances were made to the Commission.

Q.—The Commission has accounted for the moneys set out in the second paragraph of your report?

A.—Fully.

MR. SINCLAIR: Your point is simply this. You state that as a fact, and you want it understood that it does not at all figure in your auditor's statement of the amount audited?

A.—No.

Q.—That is your only object in mentioning it?

A.—Yes. This is rather historical as showing moneys expended from first to last in respect of the Commission. It has all been paid and closed up satisfactorily with the proper accounts in the case of 1906, 1907 and 1908.

MR. POPE: Will you kindly read the whole of section 22?

A.—“The expenditure of the Commission upon the works undertaken under the provisions of this Act shall be repayable to the Commission by the municipal corporations which have entered into contracts with the Commission.”

MR. ROWELL: Just to finish that up. Your point then in showing the amount so expended still remaining under the Act and due to the Province, is, that that amount has not been charged to any municipality?

A.—That is the fact.

MR. POPE: And could not, under the Act, unless there were contracts?

MR. ROWELL: To narrow it down to where there are differences so that we can get at the point; I notice that on page 8 you say that the work of the Commission has not been confined to matters within the scope of operation. What are they?

A.—That part of my report relates to the Commission undertaking to expend large sums of money having no relation to the work authorized under the Act.

Q.—What do you mean by that? I understood from Sir Adam the other day—or perhaps the Minister mentioned it in the House—that a good deal of that was for the purchase and sale of supplies for the various municipalities. What do you say as to that?

A.—I say that the Commission has no such powers conferred on it no matter how useful that may be. It has no power to engage in work of that kind and to use the moneys they get for purposes of that kind.

Q.—How much is represented by that?

A.—The sums represented are set out here as they appear according to the allotments made by the Commission out of the total expenditure from time to time. I will read the paragraph if you will permit me. The work of the Commission has not been confined to matters within the scope of their powers and there have been large expenditures involved, large unauthorized expenditures namely such as purchase and sale of goods and material for purposes other than were necessary to supply the system, making in all \$459,928.95. The next item is "In construction of works," that is in going into municipalities and constructing works that were to be constructed by themselves, to the extent of \$883,446.47, and in a particularly striking case in taking public money for the purpose of electrifying or putting under electrical construction the London and Port Stanley Railway amounting to \$224,723.54. There is nothing in the accounts that shows any different expenditure in respect to these other than what is a mere expression of the will of the Commission in allotting so much of the whole expenditure. In the case of the London and Port Stanley Railway they allotted to it \$224,723.54. There is nothing in the expenditure that would show that that sum was earmarked in the general expenditure, and out of that general expenditure that sum is allotted as against the London and Port Stanley Railway.

Q.—What explanation did the Commission give you in reference to the London and Port Stanley matter? What is their answer to what you say?

A.—We have never made inquiries. We have followed the distributions of the Commission without raising any question as to them.

Q.—Were the vouchers sent in?

A.—Nothing in connection with the London and Port Stanley Railway has been sent in and the public would never have known that there was capital expenditure in connection with that railway if the distribution had not been made and the sum placed to it—and that distribution is a matter entirely within the discretion of the Commission to fix the sum.

MR. MCCREA: Is this a fair way of stating it? In the total amount of moneys paid by the Commission for which vouchers have been furnished, and upon which you have made your statement you find that according to the distribution made in these vouchers the sum of \$224,723.54 would apply, according to the Commission's distribution for the London and Port Stanley Railway?

A.—That is the fact.

Q.—But as for any particular cheque or payment—as for being able to ascertain if any particular cheque or payment went directly for the London and Port Stanley Railway, you have no means of knowing?

A.—We have no means of knowing nor does it appear in any shape or form.

MR. ROWELL: What is the explanation of this London and Port Stanley expenditure as given you?

A.—As I have to repeat what I said a moment ago, we took these distributions as they were made and made no inquiry in respect to them. The Commission could give that explanation but we have not any. We followed the distributions from the face of the vouchers.

MR. CARTER: Does this sum up the case? The Commission advanced these moneys in some way but made no explanation to you and you asked for none?

A.—There is none in any records whatever. There is simply a distribution of that expenditure made out of the general expenditure.

MR. McCREA: Do you say also that the Commission has no authorization from the Legislature to appropriate or use moneys for the London and Port Stanley Railway?

A.—That would seem clear. There is no authorization for that. The Legislature appropriated no money.

MR. CARTER: That is the real complaint when you get down to it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You stated, or what you stated gave me the impression that Lobb was a defaulter? He had moneys that he has not given an accounting of? There is every evidence of that?

A.—I think you will pardon me if I say I did not make any charge against Lobb; whether he was a defaulter or not. I simply stated that there was a shortage of \$172,619.14, and that there was to be found in the report of the Commission for 1909 a sum of \$21,204.39 that would appear to be in Lobb's hands at that period unaccounted for and that we have never been able to get any accounts with respect to that.

MR. CARTER: And that was five or six years ago and there is a deficiency of \$21,204 in regard to the accounting of Lobb?

A.—That is the fact—as we have it.

Q.—Was there never any explanation made by the Commission in regard to that?

A.—No. In all cases we took the accounts and vouchers as given us.

MR. ROWELL: But why you did not get them? What efforts did you make to get an explanation of the Lobb matter?

A.—We made no effort because we could not tell until the closing of the whole accounts that had to be kept as one covering the period from 1909 to 1915. We had no right to even suppose, up to that moment, that the amounts had not been paid and accounted for.

Q.—And now you made the balances it is still there and there is no accounting for it?

A.—There is a shortage of \$172,119.14.

MR. SINCLAIR: You venture then, to suggest that that might have been one of the items?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That is as far as you will go?

A.—Yes.

Q.—There has been no credit given him to rectify that?

A.—No vouchers were put in showing that this expenditure had ever been consummated or had gone through.

MR. CARTER: Then it looks as if there is something wrong about it, but the Commission will no doubt be able to explain it.

MR. HOOK: Are there any other matters of a similar kind that will account for that shortage?

A.—No, simply that there is so much short.

Q.—After receiving the expenditure did you try to see if they could explain the discrepancy?

A.—We were endeavoring to cover the whole period of 1909 to 1915 inclusive and which had to be treated as one year. It was impossible to get such books of account or any information that would clear up the Lobb matter, and we have not so far been able to get it.

Q.—I was not referring to Lobb alone—

A.—I meant all of it, the Lobb matter would be included because it was not accounted for in the sum of \$172,619.14. It was necessary to have the Lobb matter as well as the others to clear it up.

MR. McCREA: As I understand your statement, your office endeavored to find out as between yourselves and the Commission where this difference of \$172,619.14 occurred? You endeavored to find out where that difference was?

A.—We endeavored to find out by getting what we believed to be the balance of the accounts.

Q.—You made up your total amounts from the vouchers presented to you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who did you take it up with, when you say you took it up with the Commission. Who did you see at the Commission for the purpose of endeavoring to get these in?

A.—I sent one of the chief clerks of the Audit Office, Mr. Brown.

Q.—You had no conference yourself with the Commission?

A.—None whatever. Mr. Brown went there several times.

MR. SINCLAIR: The question I want to ask is this: In answer to your report you received Exhibit 3 as a report of the auditor of the Hydro-Electric Commission explaining in what way this shortage was made up. Does that statement explain to the satisfaction of the Audit Office where this shortage occurred?

A.—It would be impossible to make such a comparison and have it correct by reason of the excluding of \$4,557,908.49 of the total expenditure. It is made and that sum is excluded from it. The statement, I say with great respect, is one of the most extraordinary I have seen. I never knew one as extraordinary as to compare a portion of the expenditure as set forth in the statement of the Commission with the total expenditure as shown by the Audit Office.

MR. HOOK: Can you give us the most extraordinary feature of it?

A.—The extraordinary feature of it is this, that there was \$17,359,620.55 actually spent by the Commission. It makes a comparison between what we say is the whole expenditure, the actual expenditure, and what they say is, and the difference between the two as \$4,557,908.49.

MR. McCRAE: You have found that the Commission, as a matter of fact has expended \$17,359,620.55?

A.—That is correct.

Q.—How much money has the Government authorized and advanced to the Commission?

A.—\$13,169,000. That was the total sum advanced.

Q.—Are you in a position to state to the Committee so that they will clearly grasp it, where this difference between the amount and Government actually advanced and the amount actually spent by the Commission arose?

A.—I have that here. The total amount expended by the Commission was \$17,359,620.55, that advanced by the Province was \$13,169,000. The amount collected by the Commission was \$5,485,463.64 making in all \$19,014,463.64. That was the total sum that came into the hands of the Commission. They paid out of that sum \$1,333,121.93 leaving in the hands of the Commission, that should have been turned over to the Government \$4,512,541.71. Our contention is that in spending that that it was spent by the Commission without the authorization of the Legislature. That the Commission should have paid every dollar of that over to the Province where it belongs. Therefore any expenditure of money that should have been paid to the Province was both illegal and was a matter of official bad faith, because it was the duty of the Commission to have paid every dollar of that to the Province.

Q.—Do you mean that in spending these moneys—that in your opinion this was unauthorized?

A.—It was unauthorized.

Q.—They had authority for spending this \$13,169,000?

A.—That is right. That is what the Commission were endeavoring to make it appear from first to last, that they were not exceeding that, in the statement they put in to the Treasurer from year to year.

MR. MUSGROVE: If they had turned that money over to you they were authorized to draw it out the next day?

A.—No. They would draw it as the Government thought proper. Not that particular money. The Act says that these particular moneys shall be used for the purpose of paying the loans.

MR. MCCREA: Have any vouchers been turned over to the Government or to your department showing the expenditure of this \$4,190,620?

A.—There have been vouchers put in for the expenditure of \$17,000,000 odd. There have been vouchers for every dollar of the expenditure we show.

MR. SINCLAIR: You are now in this state, as I understand it. You have received complete statements from the Hydro-Electric Commission which show their complete receipts from all sources and their complete expenditure on all services.

A.—We have not. We have with respect to the expenditure but not the receipts. The vouchers were received for the expenditure for which we have full accounts, for the whole expenditure of \$17,000,000 odd. With regard to the receipts—

MR. ROWELL: You say “the full vouchers for all expenditure.” I thought you said there was \$172,000 for which you received none?

A.—There was that much money unaccounted for. We gave credit in that total only for moneys paid, for moneys expended.

MR. SINCLAIR: You have received on one side a set of vouchers which they say is a complete set for what they paid out?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And on the other side have you taken from the sources given you so that you can state how much was received during the same period?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Does that balance?

A.—That shows upon the whole \$172,619.14 as being entirely unaccounted for, taking the two sides just as you have stated.

Q.—Have you any statement showing that?

A.—We have no statement showing that.

Q.—A statement of total receipts and total expenditures, has that been filed?

A.—The total receipts and total expenditures will be found in my report.

Q.—You have had the advantage of all the Hydro receipt books and the vouchers for expenditure?

A.—We have had all the vouchers from the Hydro in connection with all their expenditure.

Q.—Does the answer to your report filed by the auditor of the Hydro-Electric Commission in any way satisfy you as to this deficiency of which you speak?

A.—I think it would be impossible to make a correct comparison under such circumstances.

MR. MCCREA: As I understand it, there are two main points of difference; the difference of \$172,619.14 on the comparison of accounts and your view that the expenditure over and above the \$13,169,000 was unauthorized. These are the two points of difference between you and the Hydro Commission?

A.—Yes.

MR. ROWELL: Yesterday he also emphasized the sinking fund.

A.—The sinking fund is a matter that stands by itself and is not involved in the question that has just been asked. I have pointed out in my report that the Commission exceeded its authority in spending more money than had been granted to them. That the Commission had failed to properly account for moneys paid into its hands by reason of the withdrawal of large sums which should have been paid into the Treasury and that ought not to have been expended for the purposes of the Commission. In substance that is the statement that I have endeavored to make.

MR. ROWELL: If I understand your answer to the Hydro-Electric Commission with reference to the \$4,000,000 item is that that relates to the operations of the Hydro as distinct from the capital expenditure on the Hydro. That the distinction is between operating account and capital account. What do you say as to that? I understood from Mr. Andrews yesterday that the Commission kept two accounts, capital account and operating account. That operating account consists of the moneys they get from the various municipalities on the one hand and the moneys paid out for power and other purposes, and that this operating account was an account that represented the amount that you state was not accounted for.

MR. ANDREWS: That is approximately correct.

MR. CLANCY: Let me explain. There was no distinction made in the accounts and vouchers that came to the Audit Office as to whether they were for operation or whether they were to be charged to capital or whether they were to be charged to the Province or to maintenance. There was nothing to distinguish them as belonging to any one of these only as expressed in the distribution. Therefore it could not take that form. It would be impossible.

MR. ROWELL: Just one or two questions in another matter. You presented in your report, on page 25, a list of special warrants issued during the year. I would just like to ask what is the procedure adopted in connection with the issuing of special warrants. When one is issued for a certain amount,

where the amount expended is less than the amount covered by the warrant, what is entered in the account?

A.—They are put in parallel columns, one showing the amount of the warrant issued and the other the expenditure against it.

Q.—What would go into the Public Accounts as the expenditure for the fiscal year, the amount of the warrant or the amount actually expended?

A.—The amount actually expended.

Q.—Then in no case is there printed in the Public Accounts any sum in excess of the actual expenditure on the warrant for the year.

A.—There is no case in connection with any account or matter of expenditure in the Public Accounts that has not actually taken place.

The Committee then adjourned.

The Public Accounts Committee,

April 11th, 1916.

The Committee met at 11.30 a.m. Upon motion of Hon. Dr. Preston, Mr. Sinclair (South Oxford) took the chair in the absence of Lieut.-Col. Lennox.

W. S. Andrews called and sworn.

MR. ROWELL: What is your position in connection with the Hydro-Electric Commission, Mr. Andrews?

A.—I am advising accountant and auditor.

Q.—How long have you held that position?

A.—Between six and seven years.

Q.—What was the date on which you entered the service of the Commission?

A.—Some time in 1909. I do not know the exact date. I haven't looked it up.

Q.—You have the books of the Commission in your charge?

A.—Absolutely.

Q.—Then, Mr. Andrews, you have that copy of the report of the Provincial Auditor and you have heard the evidence here, perhaps the best plan is to make your statement in regard to any of these matters.

A.—The first thing I am going to deal with is my report, a copy of which is in front of every member, a copy of which has already been filed. If the Committee will turn to page 7—the last page—that statement is prefaced by these words:

“A copy is submitted of the financial account between the Ontario Government and the Commission, which may illustrate the method of preparation

in the Auditor's report. It may be said that the books of the Accountant to the Treasury Department are now, and always have been in accordance with the books of the Commission."

Now, then, turning to the figures. The first set of figures there is taken directly from the books of the Hydro-Electric Commission—of course only in a lump sum, not in detail. Beginning at the words "Province of Ontario." This is a copy of the accounts in the books of the Hydro-Electric Commission with the Province of Ontario, debtor and creditor. We began in 1908, when we received in cash \$53,000. From 1909 to 1915 we received in cash \$13,169,000. In 1911 we credited the Ontario Government with interest to the 31st of October of that year with \$205,874.77. We did not specifically send to the Treasurer a cheque for that interest at that time as we have done since. Therefore that amount of \$205,000 went to swell the amount at the credit of the Provincial Treasurer in our books. The total then included in these items that we have received from the Provincial Treasurer or credited to him is \$13,427,874.77. Now we come to the debit side of the statement. In 1908 we gave a cheque to the Provincial Treasurer for \$860.52, which was the amount of cash in the hands of the Commission at the end of the fiscal year of 1908. In 1908 we charged the Provincial Treasurer with \$52,139.48. You will observe that the two amounts I have just read cancel the first item of \$53,000 at the top, and we start square, without any money for or against, in 1909.

SIR ADAM BECK: Before we leave that first item, that interest charge of \$205,874.77—was that interest charges that had occurred during the period of construction?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And that was to be treated as capital?

A.—Quite, and went in and was charged in the ordinary way. In the estimates we submitted to the municipalities the interest charges during construction were provided for. It was not intended that we should pay interest until operation began. I thought the Committee might want to know that. We gave the Province of Ontario credit for the interest on our whole balance up to that point.

MR. MCCREA: Was any part of that \$205,000 expenditure?

A.—I cannot answer that question. It went into the credit of the Province in the ordinary way and was charged in the ordinary way to the proper account to which it referred and belonged Then from 1908 to 1915 including for the purpose of addition the last item of \$175,000, we disbursed on account of the Province of Ontario specifically the amount of \$1,112,162.69 less the \$175,000 to which I will now refer. \$175,000, the last item, was a repayment, the first payment that we had made to the Province of Ontario in respect of capital. That \$175,000 is a repayment of capital on account of our capital debt. These figures leave, as shown by the Hydro ledger, an amount

to the credit of the Provincial Treasurer on the 31st of October, 1915, of \$12,315,712.08. Now, the next item to which I wish to refer is the Provincial Auditor's statement taken from the manuscript copy which was furnished to me. The amount up to 1915—according to his statement advanced from 1909—is \$13,169,000. A reference to the figures below will show that that amount is correct. The Provincial Auditor credits the Hydro in respect to disbursements made on behalf of and for the Ontario Government in the years 1909 to 1915, the sum of \$835,718.35, which, having gone to our credit, leaves a balance, according to the Auditor's statement, of \$12,333,281.65. Now, as to the comparison between the figures shown in the Hydro ledger and incidentally in the accounts of the Provincial Treasurer and those submitted by the Provincial Auditor in his statement—the balance *per* the Auditor's statement is \$12,333,218.65. Add, in 1908, cash to the Commission \$53,000; 1911, interest amounting to \$205,874.77, which makes a total debit to the Hydro of \$12,592,156.42 On the other hand we have, by cash returned by the Commission, \$860.52 and in 1908 expenditure by the Commission, \$52,139.48. These two cancel the item immediately above, therefore they do not enter into the difference.

MR. ROWELL: As I understand it, what you mean is that you might entirely remove the 1908 receipts and expenditures from this statement without changing the result?

A.—That is it, approximately.

Q.—In that respect you and the auditor do not differ?

A.—Not in the slightest. He started in 1909 and we started in 1908, but that does not affect these figures in the slightest degree. From 1909 to 1915 there were sundry differences in expenditure of \$48,444.34; in 1915 we returned on capital \$175,000, as stated, or a total of \$275,443.34, which if deducted from the figures above reconcile the balance, so far as figures go, with the figures in our books, \$12,315,712.08.

Q.—What is the explanation, as far as the two statements go of this difference of \$48,444.34?

A.—In 1909 and 1910 the figures of the Hydro-Electric Commission and the figures of the Auditor agree. In 1911 the Hydro Commission charged the Ontario Government with \$91,302.43; the Auditor credits us that year with \$102,225.89. In 1912 we charged the Government with \$170,684.52 and in the same year the Auditor gives us credit for \$152,341.55. In 1913 we charged \$138,592.11 and the Auditor credits us with \$135,920.59. In 1914 we charged \$182,443.30 and the Auditor credits us with \$119,569.49. In 1915 we charged the Province with \$219,490.84 and were given credit for 243,011.34. The total charged from 1908 to 1915 on the Hydro books is \$884,162.69, and the sum on the Auditor's books, \$835,718.35, making a difference of \$48,444.34, which is transferred above to the reconciliation.

MR. ROWELL: "Sundry differences in expenditure," is that the item referred to?

A.—Quite so. The \$48,444 is carried immediately above as a balance in ascertaining what is the difference.

Q.—How is that \$48,444 made up, Mr. Andrews?

A.—Are you asking me where that difference of \$48,444.34 arises. It can only be in the variation of distribution in charging to some other account what we in our books charge against the Ontario Government. It can be nowhere else.

MR. MCCREA: Could that not be ascertained?

A.—Are we to ascertain it? The Auditor makes the charge. Our books are there ready, our entries are there and we say they are right. The books have never been looked at. We say our statements are correct. We say our statements are proper drawings of our books of account which have been kept and balanced monthly twice, once in the audit department and once in the accounting department, one checking the other. That has gone on for six or seven years and a certified statement of these figures has been presented to the Ontario Government each year during that period, and that certified statement is supported by the figures in the Public Accounts for the last six years which, as I say, agree absolutely each year in their statement of assets and liabilities with the amount that we show at their credit.

MR. ROWELL: Would this difference be explained in any respect by the matter mentioned by Mr. Clancy at the last meeting, what is known as the Lobb matter?

A.—Not possibly, it is a mere mistake in bookkeeping. It is a mere transfer. We charged the Ontario Government with \$48,444,000 odd dollars that Mr. Clancy doesn't give us credit for. Now if he has not given us credit for it then he must have transferred it to some other account or the statement he produced will be exactly that much out of balance—I am speaking, academically, as an accountant.

Q.—Well then, can you tell us about the Lobb matter—if you would rather continue, do so—I do not want to interfere with you presenting your preliminary statement first—

A.—If I might be allowed a few minutes I would like to present the case in my own way, as I have it Now as to the question of concealment, which probably means not published, I will put the word “concealed” as it was the other day.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not think you need to go into that.

A.—I would like to take it up. The statement was made that the acts of the Commission in respect to their receipts and disbursements have been concealed, probably meaning not published, and that thereby the public have been deprived of their rights. I refer to the blue books—in 1909 on page 44 there is a statement of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission's receipts and disbursements. All these statements are prefaced with the remark that they are published in compliance with a minute of the Treasury Board setting forth the

Act and the chapter of the Act under which they are published. In 1910, on pages 480 and 481 the same thing happens. In 1911 on pages 513 and 514, again in 1912 on pages 549 and 550. Here we find an addition to the statement, that is the initials "J. C. A.," which, I take it, is supposed to mean J. Clancy, Auditor. In 1913 on pages 564-66 these words are added "No audit by audit office, J. C. A."; in 1914 on pages 598 to 603 the words are added "No audit by audit office, J. C. A." In 1915 there is the foot note made by the Auditor to which already reference has been made I may say further that in addition to these statements the reports of the Commission have been published each year. They contain in extended form the expenditure forming every item, not by name but by services. We keep our books according to service not according to individuals, the amount of money spent on each service, not the names of the people who receive it. As far as our annual reports are concerned, I may say they have become a text book not only in Canada but in the United States and Great Britain, and as far as Australia, a text book on this class of public utility. We have requisitions coming forward from these places for the annual statement of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission as a text book of Hydro-Electric power in Ontario. The edition now being issued has reached about 6,000, and we have such a demand for them that we have found it necessary to make a small charge of \$1 each. That is all I have to say in respect to the word concealment. . . . The next thing I wish to refer to is the Lobb matter. The statement was made—I am quoting from memory as to the figures—that there was \$21,000 odd involved. The blue books of the Ontario Government in the year 1909 show that there are certain items specifically in the report of the Hydro-Electric Commission on page 445, "Disbursements to be accounted for by A. F. Lobb." The actual figure as taken from the blue book is \$15,654.39. The figure stated to this Committee is \$21,024.00, this different result having apparently been arrived at by adding to the \$15,654 the \$5,500 which follows this statement, and which has no reference one way or the other to the Lobb matter or right-of-way or anything connected with it. The item of \$5,500 is what has always been known in the books of the Hydro-Electric Commission as "sundry differences to be accounted for," and subsequently "warrantable advances" to officers of the Hydro-Electric Commission in the prosecution of their work. At that time we had advanced to various officers an amount of \$5,550. Of course it is only surmise upon my part except that that \$5,500 makes up the amount of \$21,000.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It was included by Mr. Clancy—that \$5,500 was specifically included in the amount stated to be accounted for by A. F. Lobb.

A.—This was also stated as a possible explanation of the alleged shortage of \$172,000. That is a shortage having no existence in fact and being simply the difference between the statement produced by the Audit Office, admittedly without any reference to the books of the Commission as showing the Commission affairs, and certified statements produced directed from the Commission's books. Manifestly that \$172,000 is produced and must be produced in no other way than this: that the Auditor ascertained that for a period of years

there was some seventeen millions disbursed according to the vouchers that he had received and when they took this seventeen millions or whatever it was and got through there was still \$172,000, as far as his vouchers were concerned, to be accounted for. Do I make myself clear?

MR. MCCREA: I do not think that is Mr. Clancy's contention.

A.—I am merely putting what I think. I am simply deducing for myself the possible solution of this \$172,000.

Q.—To reach that conclusion you have suggested that the way he arrived at it was that after closing his investigation of the vouchers dealing with the sum of seventeen millions he found a sum of \$172,000 he could not account for?

A.—That is right.

Q.—As I understand his evidence that was not his contention.

A.—Then I do not know what his contention is; absolutely.

Q.—As far as I remember, he stated the total moneys received by the Commission from all sources, and the expenditure accounted for showed that difference of \$172,000. What do you say is the explanation of the difference?

A.—I do not admit that the accounts as put in by the Hydro-Electric Commission are out one copper. Absolutely. We have the evidence. I cannot account for an alleged difference made up from statements obtained without any examination of the books of account. If the difference existed at any time in the last five or six years all it was necessary for the Auditor to do was to point out, "There is \$1,000 I haven't seen," or "There is \$1,500 I haven't seen. You have it on the books of the Commission—where is it?"

Q.—Are the accounts to be balanced then by the book accounts rather than by the vouchers?

A.—Most unquestionably. I have never learned how to keep accounts without books. I have never yet learned it and I have had 35 or 40 years' experience as an accountant and auditor. I have never learned how to audit books without looking at them.

MR. McKEOWN: Have you the vouchers apart from your books?

A.—Every single thing.

Q.—Did you test to see if there was this \$17,000,000 spent?

A.—No. Why should we?

MR. CARTER: As Auditor did you have a voucher for every receipt and every expenditure.

A.—I do not know—I will explain that. Up to the year 1914, admittedly by the Provincial Auditor there never was any audit of these books. Up to the year 1914 he says no audit has been made.

MR. HOOK: Did you make any effort to see where these vouchers representing this \$172,000 were?

A.—We did not know what is covered by it. Covering the whole statement of these years the Audit Office says \$172,000 is missing. We do not know where it is.

Q.—You started to explain how you thought the difference might be made up?

A.—I say that if the books of the Hydro-Electric Commission are taken and the data, voucher entries, transfer entries and everything else are followed through systematically from the beginning every single figure in the Hydro-Electric books of account will be found and the supporting data. That is what I meant to say. What apparently has been done is that somebody has endeavored to duplicate our books without keeping books.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you differ on the total receipts?

A.—Quite.

Q.—Do your books show a total of receipts different than what the Auditor shows?

A.—I have not gone into that.

Q.—It seems to me you have not prepared yourself.

A.—To exactly what extent should we prove the Auditor's accounts?

Q.—It was a simple question I asked. Are the total receipts from 1909 to October 31, 1915, as shown by the Commission the same as shown by the Auditor?

A.—They cannot agree.

Q.—Do you know whether they do or not?

A.—No I don't.

Q.—What is the difference on the receipt side?

A.—I have no idea.

MR. MCCREA: If you produced to the Provincial Auditor all the vouchers for money expended, and you agree on the cash received should you not be able to show every dollar paid out?

A.—We do.

Q.—Then the difference must be there if they have all your vouchers.

A.—Unless there are vouchers which have not been entered by the Auditor.

Q.—Are there any that have not been presented to the Auditor?

A.—I do not know. He has everything he asked for since last summer.

Q.—Then if the Auditor entered up every voucher, every expenditure that he received from the Commission, the accounts should balance, or if they don't balance the difference should be in your hands?

A.—Excuse me. The disbursements are only one feature of this thing. Do not overlook the receipts.

Q.—What are your receipts—I mean by receipts the moneys you have actually received from the Province?

A.—Now we are coming to something solid. The money we receive from the Province is only one source of revenue. For that we have received this year \$2,500,000.

Q.—Let me put it this way. In addition to the moneys actually received from the Government did you have moneys received from other services and then laid before the Auditor?

A.—I laid nothing before him. I wasn't given the opportunity of laying anything before him.

Q.—Then what vouchers were given him?

A.—Everything they asked for.

Q.—As I understood it at the last meeting Sir Adam stated that Mr. Clancy had received all the vouchers?

A.—I don't think Sir Adam would say any such thing.

SIR ADAM BECK: I stated that the Commission had authorized the staff to give Mr. Clancy all the information he wanted. If they did not do it they did not obey orders. They knew, and I think they were anxious to give the Provincial Auditor all the material available, books, vouchers and receipts, of revenues or expenditures.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did Mr. Clancy have an opportunity to get all your vouchers?

SIR ADAM BECK: Absolutely. He has had them three times, some of them. We have always directed our staff that in every respect the Department of the Provincial Treasurer should have all the information we have which they are entitled to, or anyone in authority. I am not going to say that they got all or half or too much. I do not know anything about that. I did not mean to convey that impression.

MR. HOOK: As a matter of fact could he have got all the vouchers if he had asked for them?

MR. ANDREWS: He has had all the vouchers three times.

HON MR. MCGARRY: I want to say that as Treasurer during the last year I had to hold up the money of the Hydro-Electric Commission for several months until we could get the vouchers the Auditor was calling for. We had to hold it up until we received them, because we couldn't get the vouchers.

SIR ADAM BECK: I do not know whether the Commission were aware of that. You will believe me when I say that as far as the Commission was concerned, we gave instructions that everything should be done to facilitate a proper audit of the books.

MR. ANDREWS: That was carried out to this extent; they came down and demanded copies, they demanded copies of our books and not only copies of our books but copies of the power bills we had issued in the last four or five years.

MR. MCCREA: Did you ever give the Auditor the vouchers on which the easements were based?

A.—They have had the vouchers—all the vouchers we have.

Q.—Have you got them all?

A.—We have, or the evidences are there.

SIR ADAM BECK: That would refer to the Lobb matter. There were payments made on easements of which we did not receive an accounting.

HON. MR. MCGARRY: We were informed that we had all the vouchers.

SIR ADAM BECK: Why didn't they get together. If we had payments made and values received even if the voucher was not there that should not cause a discrepancy. We of course have records of all these easements in our books and documents relating to all these records. They can be compared at any time. We have held ourselves open and willing to have these things examined any time in the last six years.

HON. MR. MCGARRY: So that there will be no misunderstanding I want to say that since I have been Treasurer, for at least five months I have had to hold back moneys requested by the Commission because they would not give us the vouchers for the purpose of auditing. I went down to the Hydro-Electric Office myself with the intention of putting a staff of my own office there to clean up this thing. I held up money until the end of the year in order to get the vouchers.

WITNESS: I make this statement; that every month or every few months during the past four or five years we have been requested from the Audit Office, say in August, to let them have the May and June vouchers. When they had finished with them they would send them back and get the July and August vouchers and so on in unending procession, back and forward, they had each year access to every voucher that we had.

MR. HOOK: Supposing during that time you had paid out, say \$1,500 and merely have a letter admitting the receipt of the money. Would that be considered a voucher?

A.—Absolutely, as far as we are concerned.

Q.—Would it be sent to the Auditor?

A.—It would go to him at his request.

SIR ADAM BECK: What I cannot understand is this: Mr. McGarry says he was obliged to hold up moneys—because that is a serious matter for the Commission, we were unable to pay our debts except that we had moneys belonging to the municipalities—entirely for the reason that vouchers were not sent up; now you tell us that they were sent up every two or three months. What was the delay in any one of these special requests?

A.—I don't know, except that the vouchers required were not asked for specifically.

Q.—Why was it necessary for Mr. McGarry to go down?

A.—I have no idea.

Q.—I cannot imagine why, with a staff that is honest and has authority to do these things, and orders to do them, why there should be any delay. The whole trouble in this question is purely in the easements of the right-of-way. That is the whole difference. Why could that not have been adjusted? We knew there was a mix-up there; that things were not in proper order.

A.—If they had wanted anything specifically from 1910 to 1915 they could have had it. We never heard one single word from the Audit Office about easements.

MR. MCGARRY: He says that from 1911 to 1915 we never said a word about easements. I have correspondence that will show that early in the spring of 1911 we asked for easements and the answer never came until six months later, in November. We sent three letters from the Audit Office for these expenditures and none were forthcoming.

SIR ADAM BECK: There were difficulties with that expenditure. We thought we had a trusted man and he was specifically engaged in acquiring right-of-way for the Commission. I think it was up in the Public Accounts Committee before. There were expenditures that we could not get track of.

HON. MR. MCGARRY: I did not want the statement to go that the Auditor was neglecting his duty.

WITNESS: I did not intend that. If I created such an impression I withdraw it.

HON. MR. MCGARRY: I understood you to say we never asked for anything with reference to easements from 1911 to 1915?

A.—I may have spoken without sufficient knowledge, therefore I withdraw it.

HON. MR. MCGARRY: We have had a lot of trouble between the Hydro and the Auditor. I am in a position to state the intentions of the Government, and I make this announcement to-day. We intend to put in the Hydro-Electric Office the best firm of accountants that can be got in Canada, and I am naming E. R. C. Clarkson & Co. We intend having an independent audit of this whole thing. It is the only possible way if we want to have this thing cleared up.

Sir Adam Beck expressed his entire approval of the appointment of a firm of auditors to hold an independent audit of the accounts of the Hydro-Electric Commission, and made a statement to the Committee reviewing the growth of

the Hydro system and referring to criticisms against the Commission pointed out the extent to which statutory authority had not kept pace with the development of the enterprise.

MR. ROWELL: I would like Mr. Andrews to clear up one or two points with reference to what is known as the Lobb matter.

A.—I have it here. Regarding this question that came up at the last meeting and was referred to as the Lobb matter, Mr. Lobb was employed by the Commission in various capacities from the year 1906. Specifically in 1909 and 1910 he was absolutely head and manager of right-of-way purchases. In pursuance of his work as right-of-way purchaser he had from time to time placed to his credit or given to him moneys for the various expenditures for which he was to account later. When I came into the Commission in 1909 that had been going on and I find that Lobb was in fact chief right-of-way buyer and that he had appointed agents of the Hydro in London, Niagara Falls, Grafton and other places who were to draw upon him personally for right-of-way purchases which were to be followed by the documentary evidence such as easements, titles or whatever they were, in the ordinary course.

MR. IRISH: Isn't that the ordinary procedure between solicitor and client?

A.—Yes. . . . Now, we found and find now that Lobb from time to time presented us statements for moneys which we in good faith and relying upon him as purchasing agent took as correct. Take the money that he drew specifically for A. B. Moore, \$8000. That money was paid to Lobb and in the ordinary course of bookkeeping it was charged to right-of-way, to be accounted for, insomuch as producing the documents or details to us. When Lobb closed up his accounts with us we found that there were specifically these items of which we had no trace.

MR. IRISH: When was that?

A.—In 1910. Some time in 1910. These are items of which we had no trace. The list of them is there. These amounts went through our books in perfectly good faith. The money was paid to Mr. Lobb presumably on the understanding that he was to forward us the documents later and these amounts stand now as against right-of-way in our books. They amount to \$7,373.11, which isn't coming to us in any way, shape or form. As far as I know there is nothing else that remains to be explained. I will say this, that some of the easements were not in the form the Provincial Auditor wanted, legally or not. However they are there and we accept them.

MR. ROWELL: Take this item, the Toronto Bolt Company, \$3,500. In the original plans of the Hydro engineers did the Commission ever purchase anything from the Toronto Bolt Company for which they should pay that amount?

A.—No, that \$3,500 appeared in Lobb's statement as a good faith payment—

Q.—We are not questioning your good faith. It appeared in Lobb's statement and it was paid?

A.—Yes, and we waited for the documents and they didn't come.

MR. MCCREA: There is no easement to correspond to that?

A.—No.

Q.—Nor did you buy any land from them?

A.—No.

MR. ROWELL: This is an illustration?

A.—Yes, an illustration leading up to this amount of \$7,000.

MR. MCCREA: As to the easements he did produce, did you get legal vouchers signed by the vendor and corresponding to the amounts stated in the easements?

A.—I took such vouchers as were satisfactory to the Counsel of the Commission, Mr. Pope. I am not a lawyer. I am not prepared to say whether the data that comes to me is correct or incorrect. Mr. Pope passed them and they went into our files and records as proper easements.

Q.—You belong to the accounting department?

A.—I am absolutely the accountant.

Q.—When these easements come in to you showing the expenditure for which to debit the Commission, is there a receipt accompanying that from the vendor?

A.—I think there were two receipts, one above and one below. At all events it was such a document as in my opinion, backed up by Mr. Pope as solicitor, was a perfectly good one to use.

Q.—Have you satisfied yourself beyond question that he did not insert false expenditures?

SIR ADAM BECK: These people existed.

Q.—But you never got any easements from them?

A.—No. We never got them.

The Committee then adjourned.

Public Accounts Committee,

April 12, 1916.

The Committee met at 11.30 a.m.

Upon motion of Mr. McCrea, Mr. Sinclair took the Chair.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Andrews wants to make a slight explanation about a statement of yesterday.

MR. ANDREWS: Yesterday I had a question submitted to me whether a reconciliation had been made between the accounts submitted by the Provincial Treasurer and the accounts of the Hydro-Electric Commission as submitted and I answered "No," having in mind the fact that they had not been reconciled absolutely in detail. Exhibit 3, I think, contains the statement which sets forth the actual difference between the figures taken from the Auditor's statement and those taken from the Hydro-Commission books. These are all contained in parallel columns and the differences are in each case put there. I explained one of the statements yesterday, that to the Provincial Treasurer, in which there is a difference apparently of \$17,569.57, which disappears when the various things are reconciled one with the other. Now if each one of these accounts is treated in the same way, the differences as ascertained being put down here the gross difference of \$172,000 must vanish. That is what I meant really, that no absolute reconciliation had been made, but as somebody pointed out the question was, Had any attempt been made to reconcile them?

MR. ROWELL: You were giving us some information yesterday with reference to the Lobb matter. Have you got the drafts you stated Lobb had drawn on you, covering the advances you said had been made to Lobb for which he had not accounted? Just explain how that was done.

A.—Mr. Lobb as purchasing agent at the time this right-of-way was being purchased, from time to time forwarded statements saying that he was going to draw for an amount of money covering the purchase of certain properties. Following that his draft came along. . . . The one I have in my hand is a draft drawn May 2, 1910, for \$800, a draft by A. F. Lobb on the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario. On that draft as a memorandum from Lobb we find the words "A. B. Moore," Lot 11, Concession A, Etobicoke. This draft was accepted by the Secretary of the Commission as perfectly good. It went through the bank and was charged to us. The necessary procedure after that in the accounting office was to put it in here in the cash book under this date, "A. F. Lobb, \$800, A. B. Moore." That \$800, together with all the others would then, at the end of the month or period, be charged against right-of-way. This \$800 was, as far as anybody knew at the time, for actual purchase of right of way by Mr. Lobb for which he, as he was instructed and authorized to do, drew upon the Commission in order to pay for that prior to getting the deeds. In natural course this \$800 was charged and in natural course also the documents leading up to that, the deeds, easements or whatever they were, would follow. Now these five drafts which we have here are specifically the amounts for which the Commission have never any acknowledgment by way of deeds or otherwise.

Q.—And, as I understand it, as far as you know, there are no easements representing them—

A.—As far as I know there are no more.

Q.—And there was nothing of value representing these drafts?

A.—Nothing whatever. We accepted the draft and the usual procedure was followed. Lobb was authorized to draw upon the Commission for legitimate purchase of right-of-way.

MR. JOHNSON: What is the total amount of these drafts?

A.—\$7,373.11.

MR. ROWELL: These amounts were charged up to right-of-way, you said. Do they still stand charged to right-of-way on the books of the Commission?

A.—They do.

Q.—Is that charge made against the municipalities or the Government?

A.—That is in our right-of-way charged against the municipalities. It has never been charged against the Government, not a copper of it.

Q.—And the amount of the Lobb default in respect to this is charged against the municipalities?

A.—It is all included in our balance sheet under right-of-way, in our assets and liabilities.

Q.—When did you discover that you could not get anything to represent these advances to Lobb?

A.—I think, perhaps, I had better let the Secretary of the Commission speak of that, as he was really in charge of these negotiations. I was purely the accounting end and recorded the fact that \$800 was paid and that the Accounting Department had never received anything for it.

Q.—Did you as the party in charge of the accounting end press for an accounting of these moneys for which you had received no easements?

A.—Of course, from time to time we stated that these things hadn't come in, that they were slow, and asked the Secretary to write about them.

Q.—When did Lobb leave the country, do you know?

A.—That I cannot say, sir, I do not really know.

Q.—About the Fall of 1914, I think.

A.—Something like that.

Q.—He was here for some time after this difficulty arose?

A.—Oh, yes.

Q.—These items now mentioned, covered by these drafts do not appear in the Public Accounts, do they?

A.—No, except as a portion of our right-of-way expenditure. They form part of the total expenditure charged against right-of-way.

Q.—I understand, Mr. Andrews, that these drafts now produced form no part of the 1909 items we were discussing?

A.—They are included in that item of \$966,000. They are included in the total right-of-way as it stood on the 31st of October, 1915.

Q.—These would be, I suppose, some of the items for which you have not been able to produce vouchers to the Auditor?

A.—Unquestionably.

Q.—Can you tell me this. Are there any other parties who are or were purchasing right-of-ways and have defaulted, where you paid money and haven't received an accounting?

A.—Not to my knowledge.

Q.—Then I notice a statement about the London and Port Stanley matter. I understand that had been straightened up?

A.—Absolutely. The money had been deposited to our credit in the bank. All the money they owed us has been paid.

Q.—When was it paid?

A.—Within the last week.

SIR ADAM BECK:..The last part of it?

WITNESS: Yes, the last part. This was only the final settlement.

MR. ROWELL: Upon whose authority do you act? What do you as Auditor for the Commission require in order to pass expenditure accounts?

A.—I require on right-of-way the authority of the Secretary, and for all other Departments of every kind the authority of the Chief Engineer. That was the authority given to me by the Commission when I took office.

Q.—You do not ask authority from the Commission in any case?

A.—I do not.

Q.—Then this London and Port Stanley item that Mr. Clancy complains about. How was that treated?

A.—It is treated in control account under railway construction, which is divided in a special ledger showing the details of construction. Each one is treated as accounts receivable and when any money is paid in that goes into the credit generally in the controlling account of railway construction. Consequently each one of these control accounts is balanced in the accounting department in detail every month.

Q.—When you speak of railway construction, what does that include?

A.—I would have to refer that to the engineer. When the instruction comes from the Chief Engineer—to charge this item to “railway construction,” I do not question the right to do anything but charge that in as accounting to the account for “railway construction.” The details are spread out in the sub-ledgers of railway construction. We have special ledgers for every one of these accounts and each one is balanced in detail every month.

Q.—Then the Auditor has complained of the use you have made of the moneys mentioned in the statement as “surplus applicable to sinking fund and depreciation reserve account.” Would you just go back and tell us how that account arises?

A.—If the gentlemen will turn to the Public Accounts of 1915, on page 553, they will find under the heading of liabilities of the Niagara System, “Surplus applicable to sinking fund and depreciation reserve account” \$583,754.74. This is the amount that we have collected from the various municipalities in the Niagara system entirely in excess of the requirements for maintenance, operation, interest and power—everything but sinking fund and depreciation reserve. Of that sum of \$583,000 the amount due to the Government on account of sinking fund for the year 1915 is \$147,305.72, the

remainder, \$436,449.02, is available for depreciation and absolescence of plant. Without going into the details of these various sums—they are all treated in precisely the same way—the total surplus of all the systems to the end of the fiscal year 1915 was \$663,113.92, of which \$171,791.77 is the amount due to the Government on account of sinking fund for the year 1915 and the balance, \$491,322.15, is the surplus available for depreciation and absolescence of plant.

Q.—Will you tell us how you came to receive these sums from the municipalities. Does this sum which you have just mentioned now stand in your books to the credit of the various municipalities or does it stand to the credit of the Government?

A.—To the credit of the municipalities.

Q.—To the credit of the municipalities?

A.—Yes. It stands as a surplus fund collected from the municipalities and is divided in the proportions set forth here.

Q.—Have you a statement showing the particular municipalities that are interested, and the amount you hold for each?

A.—There is a statement of the Niagara system particularly. We have the others in the same form. That sets forth the different municipalities and the surplus of the different municipalities for the accumulated years up to the 31st of October, 1915. There are the municipalities named and the amounts specifically standing to their credit.

Q.—I see that in some cases there are deficits. What is the explanation of that?

A.—Perhaps the Chairman had better explain these.

SIR ADAM BECK: We have had, during the earlier part of operation in these municipalities, deficits, that is, the amount of money paid on account of power did not realize sufficient to pay the interest to the Government in addition to maintenance, operation, etc. In such cases the money was paid by the Commission out of moneys on hand and the municipality was debited with the amount that they were short on account of interest.

MR. ROWELL: To resume with Mr. Andrews. As a matter of accounting I judge from Sir Adam's statement that where municipalities are short, where there appears a deficit, it is provided for in the accounts of the Commission by using the general fund produced by the surplus from the other municipalities, and charging interest?

A.—Yes.

(Statement produced by Mr. Andrews showing surplus and deficit charged to municipalities put in as Exhibit 6.)

Q.—Then coming to total expenditure, to the items of Provincial expenditure. What is included in that charge to the Province? . . . To make it brief, what are the salaries of the officials of the Commission other than the Commissioners? What is your own salary and that of Mr. Gaby and Mr. Pope?

A.—My own salary is \$3,000 a year.

Q.—And Mr. Gaby's?

A.—Mr. Gaby's is \$10,000, and Mr. Pope's \$4,200; the chief accountant's salary is \$2,700.

MR. McCREA: Will you tell me, as advising accountant to the Commission, how much the Province advanced to the Commission from 1909 to 1915 inclusive?

A.—\$13,169,000 I think, speaking from memory.

Q.—How much did the Commission collect from all sources exclusive of the advances made by the Government, from 1909 to 1915?

A.—I would have to take that from my report here. . . . I cannot tell that, for this reason. Take in respect to power, we charge Niagara power account with the amount we pay——

Q.—Does the Commission know how much money it has received other than from the Government?

A.—Yes, we know. I can make it up.

SIR ADAM BECK: I would like to make that clear. I do not want this Committee to think he does not know.

A.—I did not make that statement. I say by the method our accounts are kept they are closed up separately, operating accounts as distinct from capital. The result is that all that revenue account appears in our liabilities.

Q.—Do you keep a cash book?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Does your cash book show all the receipts?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Wouldn't it show the total receipts you have received from 1909 to 1915 inclusive?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Including the \$13,169,000 received from the Government?

A.—Yes.

Q.—So that if you total the amounts that are in your cash book and deduct from it the amount you have just told me of, the \$13,169,000, up to the end of 1915, the result would be the other moneys received from other sources?

A.—Yes, as received. That is all contained in the cash book, or shorter still, in the ledger.

Q.—Do you know what that total is?

A.—I do not know. As I say, our books are closed every single year.

Q.—Don't you think that's a simple question?

A.—No, not if I have not got it in my head. If I had the cash book I could give it to you in ten minutes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Suppose you give Mr. Andrews a statement of the material you want and he can have it here Friday morning.

MR. CARTER: Those deficits spoken of were always for interest, you always got enough every year to cover running costs?

A.—We might pay part of the interest.

Q.—Yes, it was all interest? Every system bore its running expenses—just the interest and sinking fund was deferred? That is all?

A.—Yes.

MR. W. W. POPE, Secretary, The Hydro-Electric Power Commission, called and sworn:

In reference to the Lobb matter, there seems to be some difference as to the time when the Commission got the material necessary to the Department as to how much Lobb was in default. I want to say that we only got that a few weeks ago when I got Lobb's papers from the assignee of the Lobb estate. In that bunch of papers we found a number of deeds, cheques, vouchers and other material relating to the right-of-way which we handed over to the accounting department to credit to him. When that was all balanced we found this shortage. The Commission never had an opportunity to deal with it, and therefore are not responsible for the delay, if there has been any. If it is any person's delay it is mine.

MR. ROWELL: When did you first discover the shortage?

A.—Lobb had the handling of the disbursements of the whole right-of-way. When I came into the Commission in 1909 his accounts were wrong, and were the subject of inquiry in the Public Accounts Committee the following year.

Q.—Do you remember saying on that occasion that when the accounts were adjusted, any overpayment Lobb would be required to pay?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You were asked:—"After the final settlement the amount will not necessarily be so high?" And you answered:—"No, whatever is right he will get credit for and any balance remaining will be returned to the Commission."

Q.—As a matter of fact you never had a final settlement with Lobb?

A.—No, sir. After that date the method of handling the right-of-way was changed and when he got a claim settled he drew for it, and when it came in it was credited to that transaction.

Q.—When you were here before the Public Accounts Committee in 1910 there were these unsettled balances unaccounted for, as appears from the statement in the public accounts?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Did you ever get those accounts straightened up?

A.—I believe they were, with the exception of one or two items.

Q.—It was never finally straightened?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Did you then commence to work upon straightening out these accounts?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Were you doing that in 1911?

A.—Yes, I kept writing and visiting Lobb from time to time and would get what material he was able to furnish and his explanations about the others.

I followed them vigorously from time to time, and got it down to a pretty small compass, and then finally he went away.

Q.—When did he finally cease to work for the Commission?

A.—My present recollection is the beginning of 1911.

Q.—Approximately how much was he in default at the time he left the Commission's employ?

A.—I did not know that he was anything in default. We had his statement, as far as he had made returns. There was a number of outstanding right-of-way matters that we hadn't got easements for.

Q.—Did he get money for them?

A.—Yes, but didn't get them closed.

Q.—You were endeavoring to get him to close them up?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When did you first report to the Commission that Lobb was short on his easements and his accounts?

A.—After I got this file from the assignee.

Q.—Did you never advise any of the members of the Commission until a short time ago of any default on Lobb's part?

A.—I did not know there was. I did not think there was any. He was a reputable solicitor and I thought he was honest. I had no reason to doubt it.

Q.—When did you get these documents from the assignee?

A.—I think it was about five weeks ago. I asked the assignee to allow me to go into the office with a clerk and make a thorough examination of Lobb's papers and to try to select what belonged to the Commission. He would not allow me to do that and sent over a bundle of contracts, easements, vouchers and cheques, and when the whole matter was credited up there was this shortage.

Q.—You thought you were doing your duty—knowing there was difficulty in getting these in—by not reporting the matter to the Commission at all?

A.—I did, and for this reason. Right-of-way matters, as you know, are slow to close. Many things happen that delay the closing of right-of-ways or deeds or easements. Lobb assured me he was getting matters in shape.

Q.—I do not want to be critical, but here are these drafts drawn in 1910 for specific sums of money for the purchase of easements not in the future, but at that time, and for five years these amounts are outstanding. If he got easements or not the expenditure was evidence that Lobb had got the money. Take this draft produced by the Chief Accountant, that amount has been outstanding for five years and you were going along thinking you were going to get easements for this?

A.—I expected he would get them.

Q.—And what did you think when he left the country? That you were still going to get the easements?

A.—I hope to; yes, sir. I have got a good many of them.

Q.—Just keep to this one. Did you make any inquiry to see whether there was any such easement. Take this \$3,500 one. Did you follow it up and find out whether you really were using the property at all?

A.—No, sir; that route was changed, the property was not purchased.

Q.—Didn't you know Lobb hadn't purchased that property at all?

A.—I did when the route was changed.

Q.—When was that?

A.—I cannot tell.

Q.—Give it to me approximately.

A.—I couldn't. It was during the construction of the original line. It must have been after 1910.

Q.—Then how much later, perhaps Mr. Gaby can tell us.

MR. GABY: It would be between September, 1910, and February, 1911.

The Committee then adjourned.

Public Accounts Committee,

April 18, 1916.

The Committee met at 11.30 a.m. On motion of Mr. McCrea, Mr. Sinclair took the Chair.

S. A. ARMSTRONG, called and sworn:

MR. PROUDFOOT: What is your position, Mr. Armstrong?

A.—Assistant Provincial Secretary.

Q.—As such have you got certain papers here in connection with Guelph—with the matter for which you have notice to produce the papers, in connection with the guards?

A.—I have here an order of the Provincial Secretary appointing J. W. Bain, K.C., an order dated the 17th of November, 1914, signed by the Provincial Secretary. Also a copy of the evidence taken by Mr. Bain as Commissioner. . . . This is his report to the Provincial Secretary on the subject, dated April 19, 1915. . . . This is a letter dated the 2nd of July from the Superintendent, Dr. Gilmour, to me, advising me of what transpired, that certain men had registered as voters—and a copy of my letter in reply.

Q.—And the date of this is the 2nd of July?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then you produce also a letter from J. A. Grant of July 6, 1914, to yourself?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And a letter from A. E. McLean, dated July 6, to you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—There is also in these papers a copy of a letter dated May 10th, from S. A. Armstrong to Thos. Gilfillan; a copy of a letter on the same date to W. H. Watt, and a copy of a letter of the same date to Thos. Barr. . . .

Does that cover the correspondence in connection with that particular transaction?

A.—Yes, as far as I have been able to locate it, that is, in connection with the investigation.

Q.—Now, give me the correspondence with Mr. Grant in reference to his retirement.

A.—Here is a copy of my letter of April 13th, 1913, to the Superintendent, Dr. Gilmour; one of April 12th, 1915, to John Grant; of November 18th to Dr. Gilmour; March 10th, 1916, W. E. Raney to the Provincial Secretary; March 29th, W. E. Raney to the Provincial Secretary; April 4th, a copy of a letter from the Provincial Secretary to W. E. Raney; April 10th, W. E. Raney to the Provincial Secretary.

Q.—Have you any other correspondence?

A.—That is all I have been able to locate up to the present time.

Q.—Have you any from Dr. Gilmour?

A.—There may be, there are many files and I haven't had a chance to look into them all yet. I do not know of any correspondence other than I have put in that relates exclusively to John Grant. There may be other correspondence in which Grant would appear, but it would cover a number of other items. This matter, you understand, dates back to 1914, and there is an enormous amount of correspondence spread over a number of files. I think I have located what you want, but if you will give me some idea of what it is I have failed to produce, I will try and get it.

Q.—Here is a letter dated April 15th to Dr. Gilmour; where is the reply to that letter?

A.—There may be a reply—I cannot recollect.

Q.—Up to the present this is all you have been able to locate?

A.—There may be more in which Grant will appear.

Q.—Don't you make a point of having your officials report on each matter separately so you can keep the files separate?

A.—No, that might come under the heading of "employees," the correspondence might be filed under "Dr. Gilmour," or it might be filed under "investigation."

Q.—Then I will just ask you to hunt out any other correspondence you have, including what letters you may have received from Dr. Gilmour . . . You have produced all the letters you got from Grant?

A.—There is one other letter I haven't been able to locate—a letter from John Grant to me, referred to by Mr. Raney there. I am unable to locate it, but I have a distinct recollection of receiving the letter.

Q.—Will you try and find it?

A.—I have been looking for that letter but haven't found it.

MR. ANDREWS, recalled:

MR. MCCREA: How much did the Province advance to the Commission from 1909 to 1915 inclusive?

A.—\$13,169,000.

Q.—How much did the Commission collect from all sources exclusive of advances from the Province from 1909 to 1915 inclusive?

A.—\$5,671,673.04.

Q.—What was the total receipts by the Commission, including advances from the Province, from 1909 to 1915, inclusive?

A.—\$18,840,673.04.

Q.—Do all the receipts of the Commission appear in their cash book or books?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What was the total expenditure, including interest, from 1909 to 1915, inclusive?

A.—I will answer that by giving the total expenditure and deducting the interest. The total expenditure was \$18,714,604.98—interest deducted \$1,158,121.93, net amount of total expenditure, excluding interest, \$17,556,483.05.

Q.—How much were the cash balances and warrantable advances on October 31st, 1915?

A.—Cash, \$126,068.06; advances, \$23,023.96.

Q.—What was the difference between the total receipts from 1909 to 1915, inclusive, and the total expenditures, including cash and warrantable advances, on the 31st of October, 1915?

A.—Nothing.

MR. MCCREA: There is one other question I would like to ask you; I asked you what was the total expenditure, excluding interest, from 1909 to 1915, inclusive, and you answered: "I will give the total expenditure and deduct the interest and give the net balance." In the total expenditure of \$18,714,604.98, is the interest included in that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The same amount of interest as you have deducted, leaving a net expenditure of \$17,000,000 odd?

A.—Yes. In other words, we put the \$1,158,121.93 as interest, which is included in our total expenditure.

Q.—Are there any other amounts of interest included in that total than the \$1,158,121.93.

A.—There are not.

Q.—Then when you say there is no difference between the total receipts and the total expenditure you have included in your total expenditure items such as the Lobb advances as expenditures?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And for those, in your accounting to the Provincial Auditor, did you produce any vouchers?

A.—None beyond what we produced here the other day. Those are the only vouchers we have, the drafts drawn by Lobb on the Commission.

Q.—Were these vouchers you now have, produced to the Provincial Auditor?

A.—That I cannot say.

Q.—Then if these items were charged in your expenditure, and the auditor did not get the vouchers and did not give you credit for them, would not they account for some of the difference between you and the auditor?

A.—It would, apparently.

Q.—Have you any recollection of having drawn the attention of the Auditor to the Lobb shortages?

A.—I have never spoken to the Auditor except once over the telephone seven years ago, until a few months ago in the Premier's office.

Q.—Can you as Advising Accountant and Auditor for the Commission say that the Lobb shortages were ever drawn to the attention of the Provincial Auditor?

A.—I cannot.

MR. ROWELL: Can you give us any light upon how that difference of \$172,000 arose? If you can give us any further light upon that I think we would like to have it.

A.—I can but in doing so I must put in this statement of the Provincial Auditor which goes to make up and shows, in fact, a difference of \$172,619.14, which he stated here, and which has been referred to over and over again in the evidence of the Auditor. Up to this point, to my knowledge, nothing has been put in showing that \$172,619.14

MR. McCREA. Exhibit 3 shows the difference of \$172,000 odd.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Refer to it then as an adjustment but not as the Auditor's report.

A.—Now, in the Auditor's report he mentions that the Commission has expended a sum of money in excess of the amount received from the Provincial Government. That is admitted, therefore it doesn't need to be proven. We did expend a greater amount than we received from the Government. On that \$13,169,000 we are absolutely agreed.

MR. McCREA: And the excess?

A.—I am coming to the excess. The Auditor's statement says that the amount expended in excess of the advances is \$4,190,620.55. The actual amount received as shown from the Commission's books on which I have been examined this morning is \$5,671,673.04. The actual expenditure as shown by the Provincial Auditor's accounts is \$17,359,620.55. The actual expenditure as shown by the Commission's books is \$18,714,604.98, or excluding the interest which the Auditor apparently has not included as expenditure in his statement, the amount is \$17,556,483.05. Now then as to the alleged difference; there is an alleged difference of \$172,619.14. This is made up here by the Audit Office on a statement which purports to set forth the total expendi-

ture of the Commission, exclusive of the \$13,169,000, which amounts to \$5,-845,463.64. Now as to the balancing of that amount. He has put on the other side paid by the Commission to the Province \$1,333,121.93 which is made up of interest \$1,158,121.93 and \$175,000 which was repaid to the Government by way of return of capital, outstanding advances \$23,033.96, cash in bank \$126,068.06; expenditure in excess of advances from the Province, which is brought in here to balance his account \$4,190,620.55. The next item is "balance \$172,619.14," which is apparently a book-keeper's method of producing balances by subtracting one side from the other. Now as to the \$172,619.14. The total receipts by the Audit Office figures are \$19,014,463.64; the total receipts by the Commission's books \$18,840,673.04, a difference of \$173,790.60. It is significant that the figures as produced here on the adjustment show that the Commission has received in fact \$173,790.60 for which the Auditor states he cannot account. Therefore if that means anything it means that the Commission has received \$173,790.60 in cash for which they have not accounted in any way, shape or form. It is rather interesting for me to know how a statement can be prepared for five years of actual receipts without reference to the books. Under their system I would like to know how any auditor can say that \$173,000 or any amount has been received by anybody if there is no evidence of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I understand Mr. Clancy to say that he had seen the cash books. He says he has not seen \$173,000 of receipts?

A.—How can he say the receipts are there if he hasn't seen them?

MR. ROWELL: Do you mean, from what you have said, that the amount of receipts in your books differ from the amount of receipts charged against you in Mr. Clancy's statement?

A.—Yes, by \$173,790.60.

Q.—Do you mean that Mr. Clancy in his statement has charged you with receipts of \$173,000 in excess of the receipts which you say your books show you have received?

A.—That is exactly what I meant.

Q.—How could that occur? I understood from Mr. Clancy that he took the receipts from your books?

A.—I may say that the staff of accountants in the Hydro-Electric Commission offices for the last fortnight has been religiously trying to identify any one of these receipts. The only figures that agree in this adjustment with our books is a small item of \$75.00 for Lundy's Lane rent, the amount paid by the Commission to the Province on outstanding advances and cash in bank, both of which were taken from our published reports in the 1915 book.

Q.—Then do you say that the whole difference between Mr. Clancy's figures and yours is covered by the differences between the total of receipts as given in each statement?

A.—There is a minor thing of \$1,171 but generally, the difference, the whole difference of something over \$170,000, is absolutely in that statement for

the reason that that statement we have quoted from does not in fact agree with the books of the Hydro-Electric Commission in any respect. That is the statement I make. . . . We now come to the total expenditure. According to the Audit Office it was \$17,359,620.55; add interest \$1,158,121.93; add repayment of capital \$175,000; add advances \$23,023.96 and you have a total of \$18,715,776.44. The total expenditures by the Commission's books are \$18,714,604.98 making a difference in the expenditure of \$1,171.46 which being deducted from the \$173,000 amount above leaves the alleged difference of \$172,619.14.

MR. McCREA: In your view, Mr. Andrews, the whole thing may be explained by the fact that you are charged with this \$173,000 by the Auditor which your books show you never received?

A.—It can and must be explained that way. There is no other way from an accounting standpoint. This thing has been approached in four different directions by four different sets of people and everybody brings it to the same result. From an accounting standpoint there could be no other answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Did you draw attention to that at the time you made this report?

A.—Not at the time I made that up. I hadn't these figures before me.

Q.—When did you become aware that there was such a discrepancy between the Audit Office and your books?

A.—When this investigation began.

Q.—Not before?

A.—No.

MR. HILLIARD: Would it not be possible for the Provincial Auditor and yourself to get together, and you show the sources of your records and he show the sources of his records. By that you could ascertain the cause of all the trouble.

A.—Absolutely—within two hours.

MR. HILLIARD: Why was that not done? I would suggest to the Chairman that it be ordered to be done.

A.—I suppose the only place and the only way it could be done is by going into the offices of the Hydro-Electric Commission and going over the books. The books of the Hydro during the six or seven years since I have been in charge of them have been absolutely open to the Auditor of Ontario. He has access to them at any time he will come, notwithstanding anything else that has been said to the contrary. These books have been there and we have wanted an audit and we have never had it.

MR. JOHNSON: Your books show all the expenditures and receipts, all the operations of your concern?

A.—Absolutely.

Q.—Then that is the place for anyone to ascertain the facts?

A.—Our books show in chronological order the acts of the Commission since they started business.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The complaint was that you hadn't produced the vouchers?

MR. MCCREA: It would seem this, that Mr. Clancy states that from the examination of the cash books of the Commission showing the receipts he found a certain sum of money, and giving credit for all the vouchers that came to him there was \$172,000 that hadn't been accounted for. The Commission on the other hand says that Mr. Clancy in charging certain receipts has charged this \$172,000 too much. The issue will have to rest there.

A.—You say that the total income of the Commission has not been accounted for. There is only one way income can be accounted for. Every single copper we have received since the Commission started has gone onto the books.

Q.—I was not questioning that. I simply stated to the Chairman that we seemed to have neared the end of this issue. On one side it is stated that a greater amount was received than the other admits, and both agree that the sum is \$172,000 and some odd. Until the independent accountant reports on the whole situation I suppose it is idle for the Committee to try to trace where this difference is or say who is right and who is wrong. Is that about the situation?

A.—Quite. I just want to say this; this is purely and absolutely to set right in the minds of the public the actions of the accounting department of the Hydro-Electric Commission. There is a cloud upon their acts, not upon mine alone, I am only supervising them, but upon the acts of the accounting department of the Hydro-Electric Commission. I have here just a short statement which I will put in.

“Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

“14th April, 1916.”

“The statutory authority for the acts of the Commission has been spoken to by the Chairman. The accounting work at present stands with a cloud upon it as the Provincial Auditor has published a statement that differences exist in the books of the Commission. These differences can be shown to have no existence and this will be proven when examination is made by a qualified accountant of the books and accounts of the Commission. These accounts have been kept correctly during the past seven years and certificates of their correctness have been laid before the Commission monthly; similar statements certified, have been produced to the Provincial Treasurer annually and under proper Government instructions have been incorporated in the Public Accounts each year. It is out of the question that there is one dollar unaccounted for by the Hydro Commission, and this can be demonstrated by an examination of their books and by no other process.

"I as Chief Accountant, Advising Accountant, Auditor or any other title, take full responsibility for the recording of all acts of the Commission and a proper examination of the books and accounts of the Commission will prove that they are correct as records.

"(Signed). W. S. ANDREWS, F.C.A. (Ont)."

MR. MCCREA: You say in this signed statement that the Provincial Auditor has published a statement that "differences exist in the books of the Commission." I did not understand the Auditor to say that, and I do not understand his report to say that. He will be glad if you will point out any Auditor's report where he stated that "differences exist in the books of the Commission."

A.—I will qualify that statement by saying that "differences exist as between the statement prepared by the Auditor of Ontario and the statement prepared by the accounting department of the Commission." (Statement amended).

Q.—Then that statement is amended to read that "The Provincial Auditor has published a statement that differences exist between the statement submitted by the Auditor of Ontario and the statement submitted by the Commission?"

A.—That is right.

Witness discharged.

F. A. Gaby called and sworn.

MR. ROWELL: What is your position, Mr. Gaby?

A.—Chief Engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario.

Q.—How long a period have you held that position?

A.—Since the spring of 1912, approximately four years.

Q.—What was your position prior to that?

A.—Assistant Chief Engineer.

Q.—Mr. Andrews has told us in his evidence that he acts upon your direction as to making payments, signing cheques, and that your authority is all the authority he acts upon in making payments.

A.—It has been my duty to vouch for all payments made in any engineering department.

Q.—Where do you get your authority?

A.—From the Commission, for carrying out the work.

Q.—How does that authority come to you, what is the procedure?

A.—Sometimes direct from the Commission, sometimes from the Secretary of the Commission.

Q.—Do you attend the Board meetings?

A.—Not all of them. I attend a number of meetings. I am there when there are matters up pertaining to the engineering features of the work.

Q.—Do you get your instructions at the meeting or are your instructions recorded and handed out after in the form of minutes?

A.—I get instructions at the meetings and I get them afterward through the secretary.

Q.—How often are these Board meetings held?

A.—Sometimes twice a week, sometimes once, sometimes not for two or three weeks, depending upon the amount of business that has to be taken up.

Q.—Who determines when meetings are to be held?

A.—I believe the Chairman, through the Secretary, calls the meetings.

Q.—How many meetings did you hold in the last fiscal year?

A.—I think Mr. Pope could probably answer that question better than I can.

MR. POPE: Practically two a month, 24 or 26 in a year.

Q.—Would that be a fair average during the year?

A.—I think so.

Q.—You have nothing to do with recording the minutes, Mr. Gaby?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—That is done by the secretary?

A.—Yes, under the direction of the secretary.

Q.—Then these matters are dealt with like at the usual Board meetings?

A.—Yes, just the usual Board meetings; business is placed before the Board for consideration.

Q.—Who submits the business to the Board?

A.—For engineering matters, they are submitted by myself; other matters either by the secretary, or probably the members of the Board may submit matters.

Q.—Let me ask you this, it has been discussed before. What authority had you in connection with the London and Port Stanley Railway?

A.—The same authority we had for carrying on works for other municipalities, the general order of the Board for carrying on work.

Q.—Had you an order of the Board.

A.—No particular order. We carried it on in the same manner that we carried on other engineering assistance to the municipalities, under contract with the Commission.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no minute of that in the books?

A.—Not that I know of.

MR. ROWELL: Was it discussed by the Board, you say matters came up?

A.—To my recollection it had been discussed on several occasions, and every month reports are submitted to the Board giving information as to the expenditure of the Commission, also the annual reports given to the Board and to the Province in connection with expenditure, and these reports show the expenditure made on account of engineering and other matters, and on account of the London and Port Stanley Railway.

Q.—Do I understand you to say that there are monthly reports from the engineering department?

A.—No, from the Audit department, showing the statement of receipts and expenditures.

Q.—Do these monthly statements show the expenditure on the London and Port Stanley?

A.—I believe so. I know the annual statement does specifically state it. The account was first the London and Port Stanley Railway, and it was ultimately placed in controlling account for railway construction and under that heading was submitted monthly to the Commission for their consideration.

Q.—You say that in the annual statements the matter has appeared?

A.—In the 1914 report the statement submitted by the Commission to the Province shows it: "London and Port Stanley, \$7,725.49" appears on page 101 of the 1914 report.

Q.—You are now speaking of the annual report of the Commission presented by the Commission to the Government and by the Government brought down in the House?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now that "London and Port Stanley item of \$7,725.49"—what is the significance of that item?

A.—It means that that amount of money was spent in engineering. It is in general accounts chargeable—all these expenditures are charged up to the municipalities to which they refer. Engineering expenditures by the Commission on account of certain municipalities would be charged to them, including interest and general expenses.

Q.—Does that account, then, show what was due by the London and Port Stanley to the Commission as of the 31st of October, 1914?

A.—Yes, in respect to engineering, interest and general expenditure, in fact all the amounts charged to them for any work the engineers of the Commission had done.

Q.—Is there any other reference in the annual reports to the London and Port Stanley?

A.—Not in 1914, there is in 1915, under railway construction in the statement to the Government under "general accounts chargeable, \$354,526.34."

Q.—The London and Port Stanley indebtedness is included under that heading?

A.—Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: On what page is that?

A.—On page 116.

MR. ROWELL: That does not make any reference to the London and Port Stanley?

A.—No.

Q.—Is there any reference in the report to the London and Port Stanley?

A.—Yes, in the general report of the Commission on the work done—in the text. On page 239 you will find the report—

"Engineering assistance was given the London Railway Commission and our standards and specifications for the construction of proposed Ontario Radials were used in calling for tenders and in carrying out the work of reconstruction of this road.

"Engineers were loaned the London Railway Commission to supervise the work and to order material. New eighty-pound steel rails were installed with new ties and ballast; the culverts and station buildings were repaired and on completion of this work and the receipt of electric equipment the Pere Marquette ceased to operate the road and electric service was given under the management of the London Railway Commission.

"In addition to the above work our standard specifications for the electrical equipment of substations, overhead bonding and car equipments were used in procuring tenders from the various electrical manufacturing companies for the supply of the necessary equipment. On receipt of the tenders a recommendation was forwarded to the London Railway Commission and contracts were signed with the Canadian Westinghouse Company for the supply of substation apparatus, and with the Canadian General Electric Company for the supply of equipment for cars and locomotives.

"It was found that we could procure our own overhead construction material at more advantageous prices by having it manufactured in various Canadian plants and assembled by our workmen on the London and Port Stanley.

"Our standard specifications for car bodies and trucks were also used to secure tenders on such material and recommendations were forwarded to London with these standards.

"After the contracts for cars, locomotives and equipment were signed by the London Railway Commission we also supervised the manufacture and installation of this apparatus and the result was that the road was duly opened on July 1st, and had given a very satisfactory service to date in spite of very unfavorable circumstances existing during this year."

Q.—That is your reference, are there any others?

A.—That is the only reference in the report. There is one more reference in which the Commission refers to the installation of electrical equipment and substations which was carried out by the Commission on behalf of the London Utilities Commission. That was merely substation work.

Q.—Do I understand you to say that this was reported to the Commission from time to time just as other work being carried on by your department?

A.—Yes, in the same manner in which we reported on other work being carried on by the department.

SIR ADAM BECK: I think that question arose from a statement I made that I took full responsibility for this work; I did not mean by that that the Commission was not thoroughly cognizant, that the other members of the Commission were not aware of what was going on. There is no denying that it was

not in accordance with the statutes or rights under the Act, but I have been on the Commission a good many years and this same kind of work had been going on all those years.

MR. ROWELL: I assumed you were taking responsibility on the basis that the other members did not——

MR. BECK: Not at all, this was brought in in the ordinary way, just as work we did for other municipalities in the same way. When resolutions come from the municipalities they are brought up in the ordinary way and our engineers are instructed to do the engineering work. That was brought before the Commission in that way. I did not mean I was doing this on my own accord at all.

Q.—With what detail do you go into matters in your Board?

A.—There are many matters of detail that come up that are dealt with between the engineers of the Department and myself as Chairman. I do not think that the engineers have ever assumed to undertake any work without authority from the Commission. The routine work is usually left to myself. All matters, new matters, requiring an expenditure of money other than routine are always brought in the regular way before the Commission and sent on by the Secretary from the minutes of the Commission.

Q.—How long do the Board meetings last?

A.—It depends upon the agenda, sometimes three or four hours, sometimes only an hour or two. The correspondence of routine character is usually done by myself. It is not a matter the Commission should be required to spend much time on.

Q.—Mr. Gaby, have you any resolutions from the London Commission?

A.—Yes, here is a resolution of December 8th, 1914, from the London Railway Commission asking us to carry on the work. Here is a list of 55 municipalities in which we have been carrying on work up to the end of October, 1915, showing an expenditure of \$354,526. That has practically all been paid. These accounts are paid from time to time just like the ordinary run of business.

SIR ADAM BECK: What about Stratford?

A.—On behalf of Stratford we supervised and did the engineering for the electrification of the pumping system.

MR. MCCREA: You say you have a number of resolutions from the City of London?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Those would be laid in due course before the Commission.

A.—In the routine business of the Commission there is a general rule of the Commission that for municipalities that have entered into contracts with the Commission and require engineering assistance, it merely requires to be submitted to the secretary who takes a proper record of it. It is then before the Engineering Department who take care of it. The matter is dealt with

and the expenditure charged to the general expenditure of engineering, and then statements are submitted to the municipalities for payment.

Q.—I want to get just what resolutions come before the Commissioners. Were any of these London resolutions taken before a meeting of the Commission.

A.—That I cannot answer.

Q.—Would the minute book show if they were?

A.—I would not see it. If it was routine business it might be regarded as already covered by the general rule.

Q.—Is there any general rule on the books of the Commission authorizing the expenditure of \$224,000 on the London and Port Stanley?

A.—I do not know of any, personally.

Q.—In the reports which you have submitted, I see the Seventh Annual Report, 1914. You referred to an item on page 101, an item headed "general" and in that there is "London and Port Stanley Railway Construction, \$7,725.49." That was for engineering?

A.—Engineering, interest and general expenditure.

Q.—Had any actual construction been started at that time, by the Commission?

A.—We had supervision of the actual construction of the London and Port Stanley from its start in May or June at that time.

Q.—At the time this report was made of the \$7,725 expenditure, had any actual construction been undertaken by the Commission for which were direct payments by the Commission?

A.—No.

Q.—This was engineering work purely?

A.—Engineering and general expenses.

Q.—What do you mean by general expenses?

A.—General expenses in connection with engineering work; general expenses in connection with construction; general expenses chargeable; time of the office staff in connection with engineering work carried on for the London Railway Commission.

Q.—So that the report of 1914 does not deal with the subsequent work carried out on construction on which account \$224,000 was expended?

A.—No.

Q.—When was the next report made to the Commission as to the London and Port Stanley?

A.—That would be the next monthly report submitted after this annual report to the Government and the Commission.

Q.—When was the first report you know of made to the Commission, that the railway construction of the London and Port Stanley was being carried on by the Commission?

A.—Some time in December, in 1914. . . To go back, the original resolution of the London Railway Commission required the Hydro-Electric Commission to submit plans for the construction of the London and Port Stanley Railway. This work was carried on by contract awarded by the London

Railway Commission about December. It was given to Marble & Palmer, sub-contractors of the Pere Marquette. That was all paid by the municipality. During the month previous to that we had under consideration plans to pay off the gang that had been for four or five years constructing wire transmission lines from Niagara, specialists in steel tower work and specialists in cable work. It was a chance for the London Railway Commission to construct the steel tower overhead trolley system and complete the work. In December, our work being completed on the Niagara transmission lines, the Commission turned over the experienced gang along with the labourers—since we had no further use for these men either—to the London Railway Commission. We found, after making up the first pay roll, that there was a great deal of delay after the engineers had certified to the accounts, in having to send them to Toronto and back to London. We nearly had a strike on our hands. I recommended to the Commission that we pay the salaries of these men in the same way that we pay the salaries of the engineers on the staff carrying on work on behalf of the London Railway Commission, and submit to them monthly statements of expenditure on the pay-rolls for engineering etc. That was carried out and from time to time statements were forwarded to the London Railway Commission. They were forwarded to the City Treasurer for payment, and we have received on account at various times sums of money and at the present time have the complete payments except a few small items.

Q.—There was a time in this work when all the work you were doing was purely of an engineering character?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And there came a time subsequently when the Commission undertook the construction of the road?

A.—In the same manner in which we constructed systems for 50 or 75 or 100 more municipalities.

Q.—But it was only engineering work at first?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And this time you undertook to construct the road?

A.—Not the construction of the road—the erection of towers and cables. This was carried on by thoroughly experienced men who belonged to the Commission, and who had been employed by the Commission for a number of years.

Q.—But that was different from engineering work?

A.—Yes, that was.

Q.—When was construction work, as apart from engineering, commenced?

A.—It was commenced in December and part of the pay roll was charged to the Commission. The men worked part of the month on Niagara construction and then were transferred to this.

Q.—When was that?

A.—That was in 1914, in the latter part of December.

Q.—Was there any minute or resolution of the Commission authorizing the construction by the Commission of the London and Port Stanley Railway?

SIR ADAM BECK: It was not railway construction, it was electrical work.

MR. MCCREA: Is it fair to say the electrification of the road?

WITNESS: It was simply carrying out a certain portion of the work.

Q.—Was that feature of it laid before the Commission, was there a resolution on it?

A.—I know of no resolution other than that I was present at the London Railway Commission meetings in which this line was discussed and I have some recollection that the matter was discussed at our Commission meetings, but I know of no resolution.

Q.—You recognize the difference between the engineering work and the subsequent overhead work. It was a further step?

A.—The only difference would be in the greater expenditure *per* month. It was charged to salaries on engineering in the same way that we carry all engineering charges and salaries of survey parties.

Q.—The first step in connection with this proposition was the engineering and then subsequently certain construction work was undertaken. Did you, as chief engineer, specifically make any report to the Commission that you were proceeding with construction?

A.—I made reports, from time to time, to the Commission and to the Chairman of the Commission.

Q.—In writing?

A.—No, not in writing. We have over 10,000 reports and communications on file in the Commission's offices.

Q.—You are quite clear that it was all laid before and passed upon by the Commission before construction work was undertaken?

A.—I am quite clear that the matter was authorized as far as I was concerned.

Q.—Then who authorized you?

A.—I would be authorized by the Chairman.

Q.—But there was no resolution of the Board authorizing that?

A.—Not that I know of.

Q.—The next reference to this is in 1915, in the 8th annual report for 1915, on page 239?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That is referred to there as engineering assistance?

Q.—We refer further down to carrying on overhead work by our men.

Q.—Is there any part of the report that states that this overhead work was done by the Commission?

A.—This part here: "It was found that we could procure our own overhead construction material at more advantageous prices by having it manufactured in various Canadian plants and assembled by our workmen on the L. and P. S."

Q.—That is the reference you mean?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Are there any others?

A.—None that I know of.

MR. JOHNSON: This London and Port Stanley Road has been in existence for fifty years, has it not?

A.—Since 1853, I believe.

Q.—It was the property of the City of London, I understand. You did not construct any rails or ties—you simply electrified the road?

A.—The London Railway Commission reconstructed the line by contract with the Pere Marquette, put down new rails and ties and repaired stations and did that class of work. The only work the Commission had was the erection of steel towers and overhead cables.

Q.—It is still the property of the City of London?

A.—Yes.

MR. MUSGROVE: They fully paid you for what you did?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Otherwise these men would have been idle?

A.—Yes.

The witness was then discharged.

C. H. SPROULE called and sworn.

MR. ROWELL: Mr. Sproule, you are familiar with the items appearing in the Public Accounts and known as statement A?

A.—I have no responsibility whatever in connection with the Public Accounts, and have not had since 1905.

Q.—Who prepares this Statement No 1?

A.—It is prepared by the Accounts Branch of the Treasury Department in collaboration with the Audit Office.

Q.—Then do you not supervise the Accounts Branch?

A.—I have no connection with the Public Accounts and have nothing to do with the preparation of any of these statements. Nothing whatever.

Q.—Who could give us information as to the preparation of these various statements appearing in the Public Accounts?

A.—The Accounts Branch prepares them. Mr. Douglas is Chief Accountant.

Q.—He would be the man to give us the information?

A.—Yes. The work is dealt with as a matter of accounting, and the Accounts Branch come to an agreement with the Audit Office.

Q.—Have you anything to do with the statement of assets and liabilities?

A.—Nothing whatever.

Q.—Have you nothing to do with the statement of bank balances?

A.—I have nothing whatever to do with the Public Accounts.

Q.—What work comes under your supervision?

A.—That is a long story.

Q.—Well, generally?

A.—Handling directly the accounts and cheques, debenture issues, and looking after the administrative work of the Department generally.

Q.—Let me ask you this: When did you make the payment of \$500,000 for machine guns?

A.—I have the vouchers here. The first payment was made on the 28th of August or rather the cheque was signed on the 28th of August, 1915. There was a further payment of \$375,000. It was held for some time. It was made out before the close of the fiscal year, but under instructions from the Provincial Treasurer I held the cheque for several months until he directed it should be paid.

Q.—When was it actually paid?

A.—In the latter part of February.

Q.—It was paid just before the House met?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Can you give me the date of its receipt, the receipt from Ottawa acknowledging the receipt of the cheque?

A.—No, as a rule we do not get receipts, we notify them that receipts are not necessary.

Q.—I want to get when it was transmitted to Ottawa.

A.—In the latter part of February. It was paid by them early in March. It went to the Provincial Treasurer on the 21st of February.

Q.—You do not know the actual date it was forwarded?

A.—No.

Q.—Where did the money stay in the meantime?

A.—The money stayed in the bank and we were getting interest on it.

Q.—Can you tell me why it was not forwarded—it was made out in October? —

A.—No, I simply had instructions to hold it.

Q.—You held it from October 25 to February 21, when you sent it to the Treasurer?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You cannot give any explanation of that?

A.—No reason was given to me, not any reason by the Treasurer. I knew there was uncertainty in regard to the placing of these funds.

Q.—You thought it due to uncertainty in the placing of these funds?

A.—If I thought it at all. That was only a supposition.

MR. MUSGROVE: That was paid to the Dominion Government?

A.—Yes, to the Minister of Finance—this is the cheque.

The witness was then discharged.

F. R. HEAKES called and sworn.

MR. BOWMAN: Mr. Heakes, will you tell us what has been the total amount of money spent in connection with new Government House up to the 31st of October, 1915?

A.—Site and legal expenses, \$148,118.77; laying out grounds, including retaining walls, \$167,756.99; on the building—that is the residence—\$605,737.70; on other buildings—the garage, lodge, etc., \$26,840.29; on furnishings, \$62,406.50.

Q.—Is the building as it stands at present in accordance with the plans originally adopted by the Public Works Department?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The main building proper?

A.—Yes.

Q.—No additions?

A.—No.

Q.—So that the estimate made that the building including the real estate, would cost \$400,000 has proven to be very much astray?

A.—It was under-estimated.

Q.—There have been no additions to the original plans?

A.—No.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Have there been changes in circumstances?

A.—There were changes in the price of material—it was only an approximate estimate, in any case.

MR. BOWMAN: Have you a statement showing the total cost of the excavations in connection with the main building?

A.—I have the total showing the cost of all the excavations, \$94,113.13.

Q.—Can you tell me the total cost of the retaining walls?

A.—\$40,294.00.

Q.—Can you tell me the cost of the foundation walls of the ballroom?

A.—I cannot give you that, it is part of the building and is all in the one contract. The foundation of the ballroom forms the walls of the boiler house.

Q.—Can you give me the figures showing, as closely as you can arrive at it, the total cost of the foundation walls, rafters, lath and plastering, decorating and finish?

A.—It is all mixed up—it is not one contract.

Q.—Surely there is some way you could get at it approximately.

A.—It would be only approximately.

Q.—Is it possible to arrive at approximately the cost of the ballroom?

A.—I do not think it is, there are so many contracts, so many connections to it.

Q.—You can estimate the cost of the floor of the ballroom?

A.—I have the cost of the finished floor—\$1,150.45.

Q.—What does that include?

A.—Just the top floor—the wooden floor.

Q.—Does that include the joists?

A.—No it doesn't.

Q.—Does it include the concrete floor which was first put in the ballroom?

A.—No.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The concrete floor would be the roof of the boiler house?

A.—Yes.

MR. BOWMAN: There must surely be some way of arriving at the cost of this ballroom. I have heard a good deal about the cost of the floor of this ballroom—the press have said a good deal about it.

A.—It is an ordinary floor, nothing extraordinary about it.

Q.—How many square feet are there in the floor of the ballroom?

A.—There would be about 1,900 square feet in it, without the alcove of it.

Q.—Is it possible to make an estimate of what the cost of that concrete floor is, call it the roof of the boiler house or the foundation floor of the ballroom, whatever it is.

A.—I cannot off-hand. We could get it for you.

Q.—Then I would like you to get it, also the cost of the joisting used—what is the character of the joisting?

A.—Ordinary timbers, 12-inch timbers—12 by 2½ or 3 inches, I am not sure which.

Q.—What has been the cost of the ballroom furnishings?

A.—\$1,140.03 for the furnishings.

Q.—Can you tell me the cost of decorating the ballroom?

A.—I have that here. I can give it to you.

Q.—Give me the cost of the electric light fixtures installed in the ballroom.

A.—\$3,200.

Q.—Is it not possible to give us the cost of the ballroom, including the walls and the roof and everything connected with it?

A.—We could make it, approximately.

Q.—Well, make it approximate, on the understanding that it is approximate. I would like to get that. Can you give the total cost of the palm room?

A.—I cannot just now, for the same reason I gave about the ballroom.

Q.—You could give us an approximate estimate?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The electric light fixtures are completed in the palm room?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What is the cost of them?

A.—\$550.

Q.—And the furnishings?

A.—\$2,080.40.

Q.—And the total cost of the heating and ventilating plant?

A.—\$65,352.21.

Q.—And the total cost of the sewage disposal plant?

A.—\$5,416, which is included in the cost of the heating and ventilating plant.

Q.—The number of bathrooms in Government House?

A.—21 in the main building and 3 in the wing building, 24 in all.

Q.—Can you give me a description of the equipment of the bathrooms?

A.—The bathrooms, as in most buildings, include a bath, basin, water closet and footbath. Three of these bathrooms, the 3 principal ones, have shower baths. The housekeeper's bathroom has a basin and water closet, the servants' bathroom has two baths, a basin, and two water closets.

Q.—You say that the 3 main bathrooms have shower baths?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Last year in going through the building before it was completed, I noticed that these shower baths were of the latest up-to-date character. I noticed several features in connection with the shower baths that interested me. I noticed a liver spray and a kidney spray. I would like you to give the Committee the benefit of your investigation as to the advantage, from a health standpoint, of these sprays.

A.—I will have to refer you to the occupants of the house. I never tried them. They are in all first-class residences.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is nothing unusual about them?

A.—Nothing unusual.

MR. BOWMAN: Will you give me the total cost of the bathrooms and plumbing.

A.—The cost of that was \$7,898.96.

Q.—Can you give me the total cost of the garage, stables and coach house?

A.—The total cost of the garage, stable and coach house and the lodge was \$19,165.73.

Q.—How many buildings are there in connection with the garage, stable and coach house. Are they separate?

A.—The garage, stable and coach house are in one. We put residences over the garage and coach house.

Q.—How many residences?

A.—There is room for two families and two single men.

MR. McCREA: This Government House is going to be in keeping with the dignity of the Province?

A.—I think so.

Q.—And the floor of the ballroom happens to be the roof for the boiler house?

A.—Yes.

Q.—It is fireproof?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Is that the only place it is built in that way?

A.—It is that way throughout.

The witness was then discharged.

Public Accounts Committee,

April 19th, 1916.

The Committee met at 10 a.m. On motion of Mr. McCrea Mr. Sinclair took the chair.

WILLIAM WATT called and sworn.

MR. PROUDFOOT: What is your position, Mr. Watt?

A.—Guard at the Prison Farm.

Q.—When were you appointed guard in the first instance?

A.—In 1912.

Q.—What time, do you remember?

A.—On August 9th.

Q.—Who appointed you?

A.—I put in an application here at the Parliament Buildings and was told to go and see Dr. Gilmour. I did so.

Q.—You saw Dr. Gilmour and he gave you a position as guard?

A.—I saw Dr. Gilmour and he told me to start the next day. I did so.

Q.—Was that in Toronto or in Guelph?

A.—At the Central Prison, Toronto.

Q.—When did you go to Guelph?

A.—I cannot say, exactly. I was part of the month at the Central. It was likely in September, 1912, that I was transferred to Guelph.

Q.—How long did you remain on duty in Guelph?

A.—Until July 2, 1914.

Q.—You were suspended on that date, I believe?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Why were you suspended?

A.—Registering as a voter, is all I know of.

Q.—Where did you live at the time you did that?

A.—I lived on the premises.

Q.—You lived at the Reformatory?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You never resided in Guelph?

A.—No.

Q.—There was an election coming on on the 29th of June, 1914?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You went into the City of Guelph to register?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How long were you in Guelph city before you registered?

A.—I never lived in Guelph city except to stop over night.

Q.—Did you stop over night before you registered?

A.—At times I did.

Q.—I mean this time.

A.—I was informed that if I was 12 months in the Dominion and 3 months in the riding I was entitled to vote.

Q.—I asked you if you went into Guelph over night before you registered?

A.—I went in the night I registered.

Q.—Did you register at the hotel first?

A.—Yes, at the Queen's.

Q.—When did you register, in the morning or the evening?

A.—In the evening.

Q.—You registered in the evening, and then did you go and place yourself on the Voters' List that night?

A.—I registered that night.

Q.—You registered at the hotel and then you went up and registered as a voter?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You took the oath that you were a resident of Guelph?

A.—I never took that oath at all.

Q.—Didn't you take the usual oath?

A.—I took an oath that I had been 12 months in the Dominion.

Q.—And was a resident of that municipality?

A.—No, that I was a resident of that riding. I never took an oath that I was a resident of the City of Guelph.

Q.—Who told you to register?

A.—Mr. McKay.

Q.—And who is Mr. McKay?

A.—He was a carpenter at the farm at that time.

Q.—Was he taking an interest in the political aspect of affairs at that time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who was he taking an interest for?

A.—I understand he was taking an interest for Mr. Scholfield.

Q.—And was trying to get the guards to register?

A.—I do not know what he was trying with the rest of the guards. He asked me to register. He told me that if I was 12 months in the Dominion and 3 months in the riding I had a right to vote.

Q.—Did he live in Guelph City?

A.—No, he was a carpenter there at the Farm.

Q.—Did anyone else beside Mr. McKay speak to you about it?

A.—No.

Q.—He was the only one?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did he tell you what hotel to register at?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did any other guards register with you?

A.—Yes.

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Q.—Who else?

A.—Thomas Barr.

Q.—Thomas Barr—did he live at the Farm in the same way you did?

A.—Yes.

Q.—He was a guard like yourself?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who else?

A.—No one else at that time.

Q.—Did you go in that evening together, register at the hotel and then have your names registered?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you remain in the hotel that night?

A.—No, we did not.

Q.—You simply registered in the hotel?

A.—I thought the thing was correct, but I found out after I registered that it was not correct and I did not vote.

Q.—I did not ask that—if you had been able to take the necessary oath in the first place you would have been able to vote.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Surely he has done his part when he hasn't exercised the franchise he isn't entitled to.

MR. PROUDFOOT: He should not have registered. He took an oath that was not in accordance with the facts.

MR CHAIRMAN: That has not been proven.

MR. PROUDFOOT: You went back to the farm that night, Mr. Watt. Had Mr. McKay told you it was necessary for you to come and register your name at the hotel?

A.—I was told that as there was no place to register in the country it was necessary to do that.

Q.—To come and put your name on the hotel register?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was he the only one who spoke to you about doing that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you see Mr. Scholfield

A.—No, I did not.

Q.—Or Mr. McPherson?

A.—No.

Q.—Anyone else?

A.—Not to my recollection. I have heard lots of people talking about the election but not to me.

Q.—And was he the only one who talked to you about it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Not even Mr. Gilfillan?

A.—No.

Q.—He never spoke about it?

A.—No, not to me. I heard him talking to others, but not to me.

Q.—Did you hear him talking about the guards registering before you went to register?

A.—No, I did not.

Q.—Was he in a higher position at the farm than you were?

A.—He was just a guard. I never heard of him in any higher position.

Q.—He was just a guard like yourself?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was it before or after you registered that you heard Gilfillan talking about the voting?

A.—I heard him talking amongst the boys before. He never mentioned to me about voting.

Q.—Was it before you went in to register that you heard Gilfillan speaking about the election?

A.—I heard him speaking about it before and after, but he never asked me to register.

Q.—Who was he interesting himself in?

A.—He never told me.

Q.—Did you hear him say?

A.—No, I didn't hear him say.

Q.—After the registration took place you were suspended?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You didn't vote?

A.—No.

Q.—You were suspended on July 2nd?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Before election day did you see an article in the *Toronto Star* referring to the bogus registrations?

A.—Yes, I noticed that.

Q.—You saw from that that the guards who had registered had no legal right to do so?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then you made up your mind that you would not vote?

A.—Yes, I decided I would not vote. I heard before that that I wasn't entitled to vote.

Q.—Who did you hear that from?

A.—I do not just remember; from one of the other guards, I think.

Q.—And he told you you hadn't the right to vote?

A.—I think it was a man named Robert McLean. I believe it was in the paper first, and that he had seen the paper before I had.

Q.—And then you saw the paper?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did any other person speak to you about it?

A.—No.

Q.—You were reinstated?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When?

A.—In May, 1915.

Q.—Who reinstated you?

A.—I got a letter from Mr. Armstrong to see Dr. Gilmour. I went to see him and he told me to go to Guelph that day.

Q.—After you were suspended where did you go?

A.—I came to Toronto.

Q.—Did you remain in Toronto right along?

A.—No, I went west.

Q.—Who first spoke to you about being reinstated?

A.—I came to see Mr. Armstrong.

Q.—Who told you to go to Mr. Armstrong?

A.—I went myself.

Q.—Was that after you came back from the West?

A.—That was after I came to Toronto from the farm.

Q.—That would be in July, 1914?

A.—Yes.

Q.—You came and saw Mr. Armstrong then?

A.—Yes, I came and saw Mr. Armstrong.

Q.—You were not reinstated until May, 1915?

A.—No.

Q.—Where were you in the meantime?

A.—I was in the West. I went to Winnipeg.

Q.—After you came back from the West who first spoke to you about applying for a position as guard?

A.—I was told by Mr. Armstrong to. I saw the Hon. Thomas Crawford and I spoke to Mr. McPherson.

Q.—Who told you there was a prospect of you getting on?

A.—Nobody told me. There was nothing much doing in the West, so I came back.

Q.—Then you spoke to Mr. Crawford and Mr. McPherson?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then you saw Mr. Armstrong?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And he told you to report to Dr. Gilmour?

A.—He sent me a letter to see Dr. Gilmour and I did so.

Q.—And then you were reinstated?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And since being reinstated you have continued to work as a guard?

A.—Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You didn't vote?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—The election was over and gone before you were discharged?

A.—Yes.

Q.—So that you were not discharged for not voting?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—An investigation was held into the matter and you were re-appointed after that investigation?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How long after that?

A.—I do not recall, it was some time after.

Q.—You were out west?

A.—Yes, but I didn't stop there long.

Q.—There never was any complaint about your duties as guard?

A.—I never heard any, there never was any complaint made to me.

MR. PROUDFOOT: Do you know Sergeant Grant?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you ever have any conversation with him about this?

A.—No, after it came out in the paper he asked me if I had registered and I said I had.

Q.—Was that after the voting?

A.—I did not vote.

Q.—Was it before the election, or after?

A.—It was before the election. He asked me if I had registered and I said I had and he told me I should not have done it.

Q.—Who is Sergeant Grant?

A.—He is Sergeant Grant, that is all I know about it.

Q.—Does he live in Guelph?

A.—I understand he has gone out west now.

Q.—There were four guards registered altogether, were there not?

A.—I heard there were.

Q.—But only one registered with you? Who was he?

A.—Thomas Barr.

Q.—Where is he?

A.—He is not around this part of the country now. He left Toronto last summer.

Q.—And that is the last you heard of him?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you know a man named Balfour?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Where is he?

A.—I understand he went to the Old Country. That is all I know about him.

Q.—Then there was another guard named Tweedley?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you hear that he had registered?

MR. CHAIRMAN: That surely isn't evidence. That is a thing that he cannot answer.

MR. PROUDFOOT: Tweedley was also a guard, wasn't he?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Where is he now?

A.—I cannot say.

Q.—Was he reinstated?

A.—No.

Q.—Was Barr reinstated?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And Gilfillan?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Tweedley is away now, is he not?

A.—He is away, but I do not know where he is.

Witness was then discharged.

DR J. T. GILMOUR called and sworn.

MR. PROUDFOOT: You are Superintendent of the Ontario Reformatory?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—When were you appointed?

A.—In 1896.

Q.—At that time the Reformatory was located in Toronto?

A.—Yes, it was known as the Central Prison.

Q.—And it has since been moved to Guelph?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You had on your staff a man named John Grant?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When was Grant appointed?

A.—Previous to my appointment as warden.

Q.—What position did he hold?

A.—At Toronto he was a guard, the last two years at Guelph he was sergeant.

Q.—When did he go to Guelph?

A.—He was transferred, I think, in 1910.

Q.—He remained there until what time?

A.—He remained there until the spring of 1915.

Q.—And what happened then?

A.—He was returned to Toronto.

Q.—Occupying the same position?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Then what position?

A.—That of an ordinary guard.

Q.—Why was he deposed from the position of sergeant to that of guard?

A.—It was Mr. Armstrong's order.

Q.—What has Mr. Armstrong got to do with it? I thought you had charge of the Reformatory?

A.—Mr. Armstrong is Deputy Minister, and a Deputy Minister is higher than a superintendent.

Q.—Probably he is in some respects, but what had he to do with appointing or discharging or changing guards?

A.—You will have to ask Mr. Hanna that question.

Q.—Did you get instructions that you were to take instructions of that nature from Mr. Armstrong?

A.—Yes.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Was that in writing, Dr. Gilmour?

A.—I think those instructions were verbal. I would not be positive. Mr. Armstrong and I saw a great deal of each other, but there was no doubt about me getting definite instructions.

Q.—Can you tell me when Grant was appointed sergeant?

A.—In 1912.

Q.—In 1914, I believe, there was a local election?

A.—There was one.

Q.—And some of the guards from the Reformatory registered in Guelph?

A.—I was told so.

Mr. Chairman objected that this was hearsay evidence, and Mr. Proudfoot continued.

Q.—In June, 1914, you knew this Provincial election was on?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was Grant then on duty?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you hear that certain guards had registered?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In consequence of that, what did you do?

A.—I reported the matter to Mr. Armstrong.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Was that a written report?

A.—Yes, I think it was.

MR. PROUDFOOT: Was your report sent in before or after the election?

A.—After.

Q.—Did you do anything prior to the election in consequence of having heard that certain guards had registered?

A.—No, Grant told me that everything had been done.

The Chairman again objected to the hearsay character of the evidence being secured by Mr. Proudfoot, who contended that he was entitled to get from the witness a statement of what his officers had told him.

MR. PROUDFOOT: What did you do in consequence of that?

A.—I suspended the guards who had registered.

Q.—Yes, and before you suspended them did you have a conference with the sergeant in charge, Mr. Grant?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What did he inform you?

A.—He informed me that there was an effort made to have a number of guards go into Guelph and register.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That again is hearsay evidence.

MR. PROUDFOOT: This information you got was, as you stated, that there was an effort being made to register a number of guards?

A.—Yes.

The Chairman repeated his objection to the character of the evidence, ruling that it was not admissible.

MR. PROUDFOOT: Was McLean at that time an official at the Reformatory?

A.—Yes, he was the accountant.

Q.—Did Mr. McLean report anything to you?

A.—Yes, practically the same circumstances.

Q.—What was it Mr. McLean did report to you, Dr. Gilmour?

The Chairman ruled that the question was not a proper one, but Mr. Proudfoot continued.

A.—Mr. McLean's report to me was that an effort was being made to register some of the Guards in Guelph who were residing at the Reformatory.

Q.—Did he tell you at whose instance that was being done?

The Chairman ruled that the question was an improper one, and Mr. Proudfoot appealed from the ruling of the Chair. Upon a vote being taken the Chair was sustained.

MR. PROUDFOOT (continuing): Then from the information you received you suspended the guards?

A.—Yes, after a conference with Mr. Armstrong.

Q.—Was that conference in Guelph or in Toronto?

A.—It was in Toronto.

Q.—You made a report—is this your report, the letter dated July 2, 1914?

A.—Yes, sir. That is my letter.

Q.—I see that in this letter you state that you have considerable sympathy for the men and say that the usefulness of these men—referring to Balfour, Watt and Barr—as officers is entirely destroyed as the prisoners are familiar with the episode referred to. That was your opinion at that time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Which ones were reappointed?

A.—Barr and Watt.

Q.—What had you to do with their reappointment?

A.—I simply had to carry out orders.

Q.—I see here a copy of a letter written to Watt on May 10, 1915, signed "S. A. Armstrong," in which it is stated that "application for reinstatement may be made by you at once to the superintendent, Dr. Gilmour." Did he make that application?

A.—I presume he did.

Q.—Did you receive any instructions in reference to this man before this application came in?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who from?

A.—Mr. Armstrong.

Q.—What were the instructions?

A.—To reinstate them.

Q.—You state in your letter "the usefulness of these officers is entirely destroyed." Had you changed your opinion, at the time you were obliged to reinstate them?

A.—I did not consider it a good thing to do.

Q.—If left to yourself would you have done it?

The Chairman objected to the question and after some argument it was ruled to be an improper question.

MR. PROUDFOOT (continuing): Dr. Gilmour, had your duties, up to the time this matter took place, involved the discharging and employing of guards?

A.—I always make recommendations to the Department for their employment or discharge.

Q.—The Department makes the appointments?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The Department, in fact, directed you to reinstate these men, is that right?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now, there was a guard named Gilfillan?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I see you state here that “Gilfillan has long resided in this locality, is familiar with municipal boundaries, and is a political worker of some experience.” You say “Gilfillan is entirely to blame for this miserable affair.” Did you form that conclusion that Gilfillan was the man responsible for the whole trouble?

A.—That is what Barr himself told me.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is more hearsay evidence. I object to that.

MR. PROUDFOOT: To get back to Grant. At whose instructions was it that John Grant was made a sergeant in 1912?

A.—Mr. Armstrong's.

Q.—And as sergeant did he perform his duties properly?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was there any reason, so far as efficiency was concerned, for dispensing with Mr. Grant's services?

A.—Not from my viewpoint.

Q.—From 1912 down, he had charge of the men there from the time he was appointed sergeant?

A.—Mr. Grant had charge until he was deposed. Then Reed was appointed.

Q.—Had Reed been in the service before?

A.—Yes, he was an experienced man, a very competent official.

Q.—Any more so than Grant?

A.—He has been in the service longer.

Q.—Did you consider Grant to be an efficient man?

A.—Yes.

Q.—If left to yourself would you have retained his services?

The Chairman ruled that the question was improper in that it dealt with circumstances which did not exist.

MR. PROUDFOOT (continuing): Now there has been so much said about the powers of the superintendent, or his lack of powers—perhaps we can get a little light upon that. During the time of the former Government, or this Government up to recently, have your recommendations either for appointing men or discharging them been accepted by the Department?

A.—I think so.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Would you apply that to all cases, Doctor?

A.—I have never known of a case in which my recommendation to dismiss was not granted.

Q.—Apart from your recommendations to dismiss, how about your recommendations for appointment?

A.—I do not make many of them.

MR. PROUDFOOT: Once the guards come under your control is your advice taken then as to the retention or the dismissal of these men?

A.—Yes.

MR. CARTER: It is quite clear, Doctor, that you didn't make any complaint in any way against Grant. Had you any complaint in any shape or form against Grant?

A.—No.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Is Grant in your employ now?

A.—No.

Q.—Did he leave Guelph?

A.—He is now in the employ of the Manitoba Government.

MR. PROUDFOOT: When was it that Grant was deposed from the position of sergeant?

A.—In 1914.

Q.—What time in 1914?

A.—I cannot say exactly—I beg pardon, it was in 1915 he was deposed.

Q.—And what position was given him after that?

A.—He came back to Toronto as a guard.

Q.—That is what I meant—he came back to Toronto?

A.—I thought you meant after he finally resigned. He was deposed from the position of sergeant and appointed as guard.

Q.—At what difference in his salary?

A.—His salary was first cut down to \$850 a year and then to \$600.

MR. CARTER: What from?

A.—From \$1,000.

MR. CHAIRMAN: And he finally resigned himself?

A.—Yes.

Witness was then discharged.

S. A. ARMSTRONG called and sworn.

MR. HILLARD: You are Assistant Provincial Secretary?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What are the powers of the Minister and Deputy Minister in reference to the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph?

A.—Under the Public Service Act the Deputy to the Minister is the business manager of the various departments. Under that Act I have jurisdiction over the Ontario Reformatory.

Q.—That enables you to do what?

A.—To control the management and carry out the policy of the department.

A.—Under the statutes important appointments are made by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. Other appointments such as guards and so on are made by the inspector as a rule, by the inspector on the recommendation of the superintendent. It entirely depends upon the condition of the labour market.

Q.—If there is any statement you wish to make in reference to the matters under discussion I would like you to make it.

A.—I wish to correct an impression that has been given here in the evidence that Grant's reduction in rank was due to the matters in connection with the election of 1914. You asked me to produce certain correspondence that I had been unable to locate yesterday, Mr. Proudfoot. I produce a copy of a letter written by myself to Dr. Gilmour on the 19th of October, 1912, which directs his attention to the necessity for a reorganization of his staff. This will indicate that as far back as 1912 Grant's services had not been satisfactory to the Department. The election of 1914 was a mere event in the whole history of this matter. If the election of 1914 had not been held, the procedure followed with John Grant would have been identically the same. If anything, the election of 1914 delayed the change made in Grant's status. His services had not been satisfactory to the Department and complaint had been made by me to Dr. Gilmour.

MR. PROUDFOOT objected that the statement was not evidence, but the CHAIRMAN ruled that Mr. Armstrong was not giving hearsay evidence, but stating what he had told Dr. Gilmour.

MR. ARMSTRONG (continuing): I want to say that, prior to certain dates the complaints that I made to Dr. Gilmour were made verbally, complaints of his incapacity and his inefficiency in handling the work at Guelph. I was in charge of that construction and had an opportunity to judge of Grant's fitness for the work, and as the time approached for the removal of the Central from Toronto to Guelph, it was very important that the organization at Guelph should be the strongest we could put in there.

MR. PROUDFOOT again objected, and the Chairman repeated that Mr. Armstrong was speaking of his own personal knowledge, as to why he acted.

MR. HILLIARD: What instructions did you give to Dr. Gilmour?

A.—I have correspondence on file relating to Grant, going back to November and December and up to April, 1915. John Grant was transferred from the prison to Toronto on the 1st of May, 1915, when we were approaching the time when the final transfer was to be made.

MR. PROUDFOOT: Surely all these reasons are not relevant?

A.—If you make the statement that I had no jurisdiction, then I say it is untrue that as far as the Ontario Reformatory is concerned, the Assistant Provincial Secretary had no jurisdiction over the superintendent.

MR. PROUDFOOT: I did not make that statement.

A.—You are insinuating it.

MR. PROUDFOOT: No. I stated that superintendent had certain duties and that these had not been interfered with before.

A.—As to that statement, that is not the case. The regulations in the past as to the hiring or discharging or suspension of men were the same as they are to-day.

MR. CARTER: Was the dismissal of these men on your own initiative?

A.—The men were dismissed for false registration. Dr. Gilmour recommended their suspension and I concurred in it as Deputy of the Department.

Q.—Did anybody else have any suggestion to make in regard to it? Did the Government advise with regard to it?

A.—Not that I am aware of.

Q.—Had they anything at all to do in any way, shape or form, with the reinstatement of these men?

A.—No.

Q.—It was entirely upon your own initiative?

A.—Yes.

MR. PROUDFOOT: As a result of the report made by Mr. Bain, appointed by the Department to investigate this.

MR. CARTER: Did he report that they didn't perjure themselves?

A.—The report is on file. . . . We had reached the conclusion that Grant was not the man to fill the position of acting superintendent. There had been no permanent appointment of an assistant superintendent made. The position has been vacant for some time.

MR. PROUDFOOT: Is that a new position?

A.—No, sir, he was formally called deputy-warden.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Everything followed the usual course in connection with these matters?

A.—Yes, Dr. Gilmour had always been very loyal to Grant, and I appreciated that loyalty. Dr. Gilmour had requested that no action be taken in connection with Grant, and it was delayed. It was delayed from time to time until we reached the point where, by reason of the final removal of the prisoners from Toronto to Guelph, we had to make a change. That is why Grant was removed from the position as sergeant. He remained with the Department until he resigned in January, 1916.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It was the question of his unfitness or unsuitability that made you act as you did?

A.—Quite so.

Q.—Not any other question?

A.—Certainly not.

MR. PROUDFOOT: When was it you first assumed jurisdiction over the Reformatory?

A.—I was appointed Assistant Provincial Secretary in 1909. I think, and was given active administration of the Reformatory at Guelph in 1910.

Q.—Was the work started about 1910 at Guelph?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Had you paid any particular attention to the guards or the manner in which the Reformatory was being conducted before that?

A.—No; because that was handled at that time by the inspector.

Q.—Who was the inspector?

A.—E. P. Rogers. My connection at that time with the Reformatory work, my active participation in it, was not in connection with the Reformatory at Toronto, it was in connection with the construction of the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph.

Q.—Up to 1910 you had not any controlling or active work in connection with the Central Prison?

A.—No, because prior to 1909, while I was inspector—prior to my appointment as deputy—my work related entirely to the insane. I had nothing to do with the prison.

Q.—Then in 1910 did you go to Guelph?

A.—Not at that time. A man named Spauld was superintendent of construction.

Q.—When did this John Grant go up?

A.—Probably about 1911. Grant went up at my request, in October, 1911. I did not see him personally, but I was told that he would fill the bill.

Q.—He went to work there in October, 1911?

A.—Yes, when we only had about 125 prisoners.

Q.—At that time you were in full control?

A.—Yes, in so far as the business administration was concerned.

Q.—And at that time you came in touch with Grant?

A.—Yes, to a very considerable extent.

Q.—And in October, 1911, you found him such a good man that you had him appointed sergeant?

A.—I did not find him so.

Q.—In 1911 you took him up there?

A.—My recollection is that Grant went up there as sergeant (confers with Dr. Gilmour). Dr. Gilmour tells me that he went up as assistant to the man who was then sergeant.

Q.—That was in 1911?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Having had experience, at the end of that year he was appointed full sergeant?

A.—Oh no. I do not think he was appointed full sergeant until 1912.

Q.—He would not be there a year before he was appointed full sergeant.

A.—That is my information. He was there about a year before he was appointed full sergeant (confers with Dr. Gilmour). We cannot figure out exactly when this event took place. Grant, however, was there in the capacity of assistant sergeant for some time. Subsequently when Mr. Lyons left the service he became full sergeant.

Q.—And you appointed him to that place?

A.—I recommended the appointment. There were only 125 men in the prison at that time.

Q.—He remained in that position until when?

A.—Until 1915.

Q.—It so happened that it followed the election?

Q.—I made the statement a short time ago that if there hadn't been an election the same result would have followed.

Q.—Now you are giving an opinion?

A.—I am not giving an opinion. I am stating facts.

Q.—You have this letter of October, 1912, the letter written by the warden. There is evidently some difficulty there about some person named White?

A.—That was the first indication, the first tangible evidence of the fact that doubt was being cast then on Grant's judgment.

Q.—Yet though you were in full charge you kept him on until 1915?

A.—We did so rather than make a change; changes in an organization are not always in the best interest.

Q.—In 1915 who was the guard you took on in place of Grant?

A.—Reed. He was in the service in Guelph, and had had experience. He was the oldest man in the service. I do not remember when he was appointed; it was back in the 70's. He is a man of very sound judgment.

Q.—You continued Grant in the service for some time after that?

A.—He resigned in January, 1916.

Q.—You had reduced his rank and then his salary and finally he went out of the service without a gratuity or anything else. Is that so?

A.—Quite so. Under statute we have no power to grant gratuities. A lot of information went out to the Press that is not correct, and is not supported by the evidence. It is unfortunate that that should have been the case. The statements made in these letters are absolutely untrue.

MR. BOWMAN: How many prisoners are there at the Reformatory at Guelph at the present time?

A.—We have been averaging for some months about 280 to 290.

The Committee then adjourned.

List of Exhibits referred to in the Foregoing Evidence

1. Adjustment—Statement of amounts received by Hydro-Electric Power Commission, with letter from Auditor.
2. General Account—Expenditure and description of material purchased.
3. Report of Advising Accountant of Hydro-Electric Commission in reply to Provincial Auditor relative to accounts of Commission.
4. Statements prepared by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, 1909 to 1915 inclusive.
5. Statement in reference to surpluses on Hydro Systems to end of fiscal year 1915.
6. Statement of total Hydro surpluses to October 31st, 1915, with interest accrued on same—Niagara System.
7. Memorandum by W. S. Andrews, F.C.A., *in re* accounting work of Commission.
8. Correspondence and evidence *in re* Ontario Reformatory Investigation.

ADJUSTMENT

Statement showing total amount received by the Commission other than advances from the Province, and the total amount paid by the Commission to the Province as on 31st of October, 1915.

Service	DR. Received	Service	CR. Paid by Commission to Province
Maintenance and Operation	\$ 674,338 43	Paid by Commission to Province	\$1,333,121 93
Power	2,068,061 47	Outstanding advances....	23,033 96
Construction chargeable and Municipal Construction	670,727 56	Cash in Banks	126,068 06
Municipal Sales	346,031 00	Expenditure in excess of advances from Province	4,190,620 55
London and Port Stanley Railway..	128,620 55	Balance	172,619 14
Cable Reels	95 00		
General Expense Account.....	2,232 94		
	3,890,106 95		
Storehouse and Lab. Operation.....	20,136 53		
Machine Shop and Garage Operation	759 21		
	3,911,002 69		
Other Sources :			
Interest on Capital Account....	953,914 61		
Other Interest	755 19		
Lundy's Lane, Pole Rentals	75 00		
Stock and Mtce. Stock	229,778 33		
Province.....	24,872 79		
Capital Account	114,877 08		
Sinking Fund	119,429 12		
Depreciation Reserve Account.....	\$610,187 95		
Less amount applied on Sinking Fund.....	119,429 12		
	490,758 83		
	\$5,845,463 64		\$5,845,463 64
Balance not accounted for.....	\$172,619 14		

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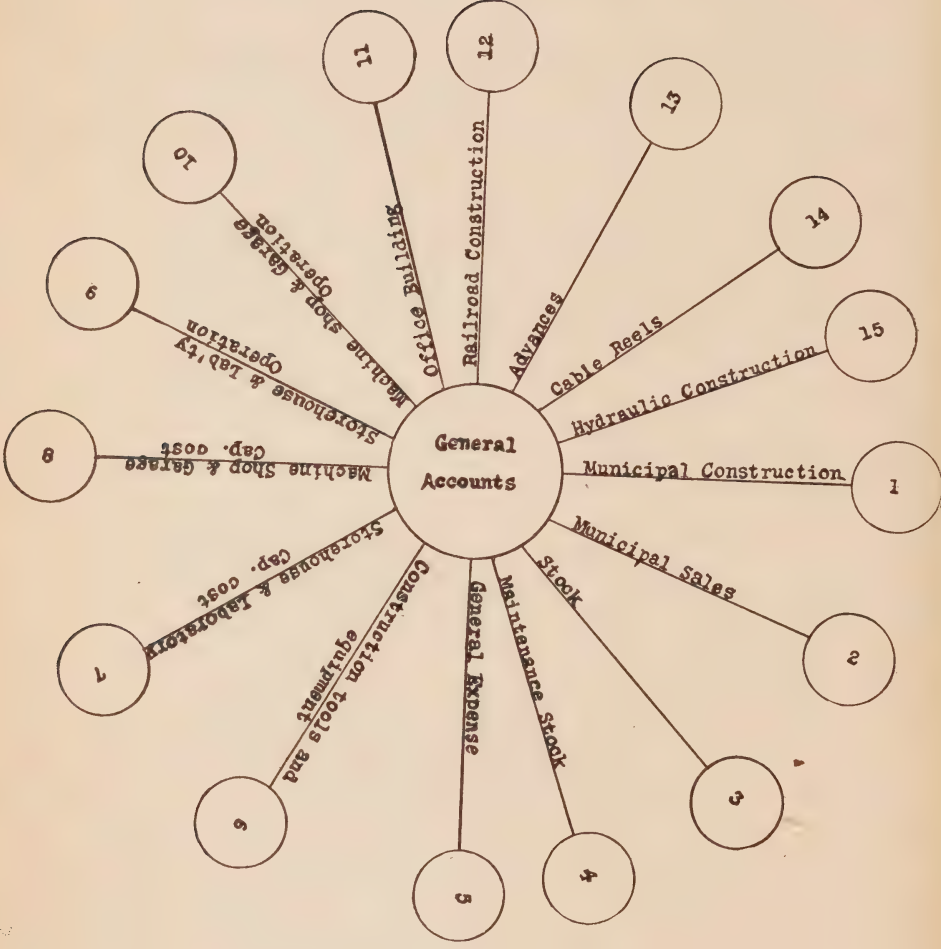
Total Capital Account as adjusted

	Charged to Capital Account	Interest and Sinking Fund earned
1909	\$ 437,559 90	
1910	2,100,427 48	\$ 25,304 18
1911	1,349,353 18	146,772 34
1912	613,699 51	224,811 50
1913	1,145,814 18	260,301 87
1914	3,841,159 77	326,564 54
1915	2,320,325 12	548,699 61
	\$11,808,339 14	\$1,532,454 04

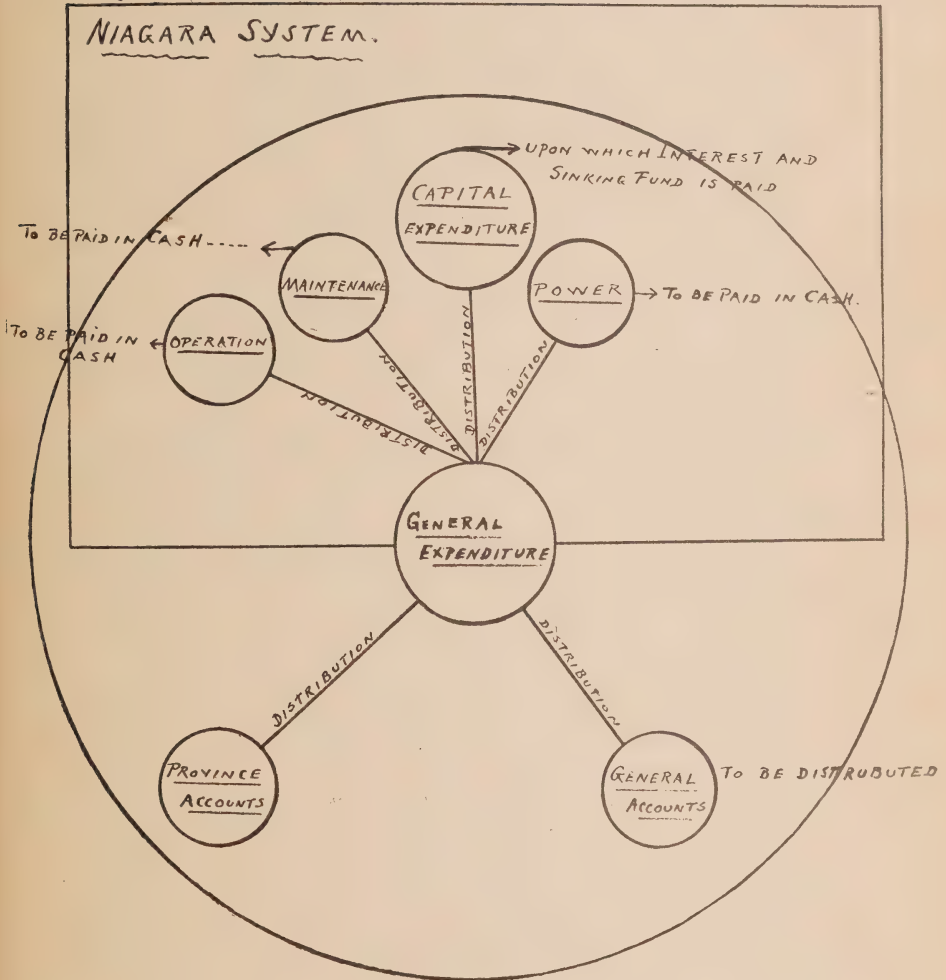
STATEMENT OF CAPITAL ACCOUNT TO OCTOBER 31st, 1915.

	Capital Account	Total Capital Account	Interest Account	Capital Account with Interest added	Cash Credits	Capital Account with Cash Credits Deducted
Niagara System	\$8,813,727 05	\$8,813,727 05	\$258,191 75	\$9,071,918 80	\$89,875 85	\$9,032,042 95
Toronto Entrance	242,194 57	242,194 57	15,686 51	257,881 08	57,205 49	200,675 59
Welland System	16,616 96	16,616 96	10 57	16,627 53	.....	16,627 53
Severn System	269,171 08	334,897 43	3,501 43	338,398 86	7,705 94	330,692 92
" Power Development	65,726 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wasdell System	118,660 62	637,062 00	4,953 29	642,015 29	704 09	641,311 20
" Power Development	518,401 38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Lawrence System	159,179 44	159,366 76	4,832 48	164,199 24	928 87	163,270 37
" Power Development	187 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port Arthur System	161,233 09	161,233 09	1,260 79	162,493 88	.....	162,261 48
Eugenia System	320,497 60	846,171 42	23,303 81	869,975 23	6,089 70	863,885 53
" Power Development	525,673 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Renfrew System	17,427 27	17,427 27	1,312 54	18,739 81	285 60	18,454 21
Muskoka System	27,929 08	33,434 65	84 36	33,519 01	3 00	33,516 01
" Power Development	5,505 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ottawa System	432 39	432 39	.....	432 39	.....	432 39
Office Building	206,982 09	206,982 09	5,073 64	212,055 73	194 00	211,861 73
Automobiles	21,903 69	21,903 69	.....	21,903 69	1,449 00	20,454 69
Construction Tools	7,734 97	7,734 97	974 55	8,709 52	32 04	8,677 48
Storehouse	77,637 23	77,637 23	1,695 51	79,332 74	71 10	79,261 64
Machine Shop and Garage	25,013 42	25,013 42	25,013 42	100 00	24,913 42
	\$11,601,834 99	\$11,601,834 99	\$321,381 23	\$11,923,216 22	\$114,877 08	\$11,808,339 14

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NIAGARA SYSTEM.



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TORONTO, February 21st, 1916.

HON. T. W. MCGARRY, K.C., M.P.P.,
Treasurer of Ontario.

DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to report for the information of the Legislature, pursuant to the provisions of sections 28 and 29 of the Audit Act, in respect to the receipts and expenditures of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, as follows.

The expenditures made by the Commission for monies advanced by the Province under the provisions of section 14 of The Power Commission Act began in the year 1906 in which there was expended \$26,000 and in the two next succeeding years 1907 and 1908, \$40,524.21 and \$52,139.48 respectively, making in all \$118,663.69—the accounts for which were closed up at the end of each of such years—the amount so expended still remaining, under the Act, a debt due the Province.

It has been found impossible to complete or to make any progress approaching the completion of an audit of the expenditures of the Commission for each or any of the fiscal years 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914 owing to the Commission failing to furnish for each or any of such years complete accounts for adjustment and audit.

As an consequence the only alternative left for intelligible treatment of the accounts had to be resorted to, namely, the consolidation of all the expenditures for the fiscal years 1909 to 1915 inclusive, as a continuous and unbroken period without any intervening adjustment or closing of yearly bank or other balances.

It is important at this point to ascertain and become possessed of a clear understanding of the manner in which the accounts of the Commission have been kept.

These accounts undergo and assume two distinct forms, the first form being merely a record of all the actual expenditures in one *General account* without in any way disclosing or indicating the particular purposes or services to which such expenditure shall be devoted.

The second form being the product of a process of distributing all the expenditures from the *General account*, to be borne by particular services in such proportions as may be determined at the pleasure of the Commission.

According to this mode of fixing the respective shares of the burdens to be borne of such expenditures, the Commission, contrary to the provisions of section 22 of the Act respecting the Power Commission, and without any authority, have charged to the Province for the respective years 1909, \$37,106.27; 1910, \$44,543.22; 1911, \$102,225.89; 1912, \$152,341.55; 1913, \$136,920.59; 1914, \$119,569.49 and 1915, \$243,011.34, making in all, \$835,718.35.

With the policy of the law as it now stands in respect to the share, if any, of such expenditure the Province should bear, the Auditor has nothing to do.

There is, however, the stern fact, a disregard of which cannot find justification upon any ground, and that is, the Legislature alone has power to impose and definitely fix the burdens to be borne by the Province.

There is still another form of accounting adopted by the Commission in respect to the question of interest charges on Capital account to which it is necessary to direct attention by reason of its unique character.

Under the provisions of section 23 the Municipal Corporations entering into contracts with the Commission shall pay annually to the Commission interest upon the amount expended by the Commission on Capital account in the construction or purchase of the works, all of which the Commission shall pay over to the Treasurer of Ontario as directed under section 15.

The Commission, however, has disregarded the essential provisions of the Act in this respect and have adopted a plan of their own by substituting themselves for the contracting corporations as debtor to the Province and undertaking to pay interest on the advances made by the Province to the Commission instead of or in lieu of the contracting corporations paying interest to the Province on the amount expended on Capital account.

This, as might be expected, has led to erroneous interest imposts and in some instances to inextricable confusion.

The work of the Commission has not been confined to matters within the scope of their powers and duties, but has been of a very extended character, involving large unauthorized expenditures, namely, in entering upon commercial transactions such as the purchase and sale of goods and material for purposes other than for the necessary use of the several systems, amounting to \$455,928.95. In the construction of works, which under the terms of their contracts the municipal corporations concerned should have constructed, amounting to \$883,446.47: For the electrical construction and maintenance of the London & Port Stanley Railway—a matter in which the Municipalities under the provisions of the Act respecting Hydro-Electric Railways are alone concerned and are bound to provide the means for carrying on the work—\$224,723.54, making in all, \$1,564,098.66.

For this departure, it is submitted that it is no answer to say that this will be all repaid with interest. The fact remains that the Legislature has not so far seen fit under the Power Commission Act to confer upon the Commission power to enter upon and carry out such undertakings, nor has it conferred upon the Commission power to use or loan monies in their hands belonging to the Province even with a view to showing profits.

The Commission have introduced a new element in their administration of affairs, namely, what is termed "Surplus Applicable to Depreciation Reserve Account" for the purposes of which large sums are annually collected from the contracting Municipal Corporations in connection, as alleged, with the sale and transmission of power. To be more precise, the sums so collected are in excess of the actual cost of power as defined under the provisions of section 23.

It would seem obviously clear that the Commission have no power to levy and collect money from the Municipal Corporations for this or any other purpose not specifically provided for under the Act.

The total advances made by the Province to the Commission for the fiscal year 1909 to 1915 inclusive, amount to \$13,169,000 and the total expenditures

according to the Commission's distribution from the expenditures for the same period, so far as has been ascertained, amount to \$17,359,620.55, showing an excess of expenditure over the amount authorized by advances from the Province or otherwise of \$4,190,620.55.

The annual statements rendered by the Commission to the Honourable the Provincial Treasurer for the years 1909 to 1915 inclusive, afford no actual accounting information and fail to disclose the existence of a large and rapidly increasing unauthorized expenditure in the years 1911 to 1915 inclusive, amounting for that period to \$4,190,620.55, as shown in the annexed statements Nos. 1 and 2.

Two distinct causes with their attendant results lie at the bottom of the present condition of things. One the absence of even the semblance of legislative control over the expenditures of the Commission—in striking contrast with the complete legislative control over the expenditures of the Executive Departments. The other the seeming defiant disobedience of the Act creating the Commission with their powers and duties.

Having regard to section 23, sub-sections (a) and (b) respecting interest and sinking fund, it will be seen that sub-section (a) fixes the rate of interest and basis upon which the Municipal Corporations shall pay interest.

That under sub-section (b) such Municipal Corporations shall “pay an annual sum sufficient to form in thirty years a Sinking Fund for the retirement of the securities issued by Ontario under this Act for the payment of the cost of the works.”

Or to more accurately express the facts, such Corporations shall pay an annual sum sufficient to discharge in thirty years the expenditures on capital account with interest.

As is well known there are no securities having any direct connection with a sinking fund, so called, nor is there any sinking fund involved requiring investments with interest compounded in the usual way. It must be borne in mind that the capital expenditures have increased from year to year and are likely to increase from year to year for a somewhat indefinite period.

It, therefore, becomes a necessity of the conditions in compliance with the Act, in order that the Municipal Corporations may have thirty years (as provided under sub-section (b)) to repay their indebtedness to the Province, that the capital expenditures at the end of each year should be dealt with separately as respects repayment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours truly
J. CLANCY,

Auditor.

No. 1.—Statement showing the total advances made by the Province to the Commission, and the total expenditures of the Commission, respectively, for the period from January 1st, 1909, to October 31st, 1915.

	Advanced by Province.	Expenditure According to Distribution.	Amounted Expended in Excess of Advances.
1909	\$524,000 00	\$485,052 23	.....
1909-10	2,175,000 00	2,113,430 23	.....
1910-11	1,450,000 00	1,577,272 75	\$127,272 75
1911-12	650,000 00	1,021,099 98	371,099 98
1912-13	1,500,000 00	2,133,091 86	633,091 86
1913-14	4,270,000 00	5,347,417 19	1,077,417 19
1914-15	2,600,000 00	4,682,256 31	2,082,256 31
Totals	\$13,169,000 00	\$17,359,620 55	

No. 2.—Statement showing the total expenditures as distributed by the Commission to the several services for the period from January 1st, 1909, to October 31st, 1915.

Capital Expenditure:

Niagara System	\$8,813,727 05	
Severn System	269,171 08	
Port Arthur System	161,233 09	
St. Lawrence System	159,179 44	
Waddell System	118,660 62	
Eugenia System	320,497 60	
Ottawa System	432 39	
Welland System	16,616 96	
Muskoka System	27,929 08	
Round Lake System	17,427 27	..
Toronto Entrance	242,194 57	
Office Building	206,982 09	
Store House	77,637 23	
Machine Shop and Garage	25,013 42	
Construction Tools	7,734 97	
Automobiles	21,903 69	
		\$10,486,340 55

Severn System, Power Development	\$65,726 35	
St. Lawrence System, Power Development	187 32	
Wasdell System, Power Development	518,401 38	
Eugenia System, Power Development	525,673 82	
Muskoka System, Power Development	5,505 57	
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		1,115,494 44
Total Capital Expenditure	\$11,601,834 99	

Amount distributed against the Province as on October 31st, 1915		835,718 35
Stock	\$409,419 90	
Maintenance Stock	44,681 07	
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		454,100 97

Expenditures Repayable by the Municipalities to the Commission:

Maintenance and Operation.

Niagara System	\$696,405 67	
Severn System	27,485 29	
Port Arthur System	18,831 81	
St. Lawrence System	5,093 11	
Wasdell System	5,577 39	
Ottawa System	4,518 07	
Welland System	2,439 87	
Peterboro System	162 53	
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		760,513 74

Power.

Niagara System	\$1,777,668 65	
Severn System	47,557 83	
Port Arthur System	106,604 97	
St. Lawrence System	7,769 24	
Ottawa System	84,729 57	
Welland System	70,061 58	
Peterboro System	48,320 15	
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		2,142,711 99

General Account.

Construction Chargeable	\$97,373 87
Municipal Construction	786,072 60
Municipal Sales	455,928 95
Railroad Construction	219,738 44
Railroad Maintenance	4,985 10
Cable Reels	6,354 65

1,570,453 61

Total .. \$4,473,679 34

Balance of General Expenses 2,907 62

\$17,368,241 27

Less Credit Balances:

Storehouse and Laboratory Operation	\$5,743 25
Machine Shop and Garage Operation ...	2,877 47

8,620 72

Grand Total \$17,359,620 55

Total Expenditure \$17,359,620 55

Advanced by Province:

1909	\$524,000 00
1909-10	2,175,000 00
1910-11	1,450,000 00
1911-12	650,000 00
1912-13	1,500,000 00
1913-14	4,270,000 00
1914-15	2,600,000 00

13,169,000 00

Amount expended in excess of advances \$4,190,620 55

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System	Provincial Auditor		Balance		Hydro Commission		Difference	
	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
Niagara	\$ 8,813,727 05							
Toronto Entrance	242,194 57	9,055,921 62	9,055,921 62		9,368,472 32		\$ 312,550 70	\$
Sewer	289,171 08							
	65,726 35							
Waddell	118,660 62							
	518,401 38	971,959 43	971,959 43		976,158 15		4,198 72	
Port Arthur	161,233 09	161,233 09	161,233 09		108,035 81		53,197 28	
St. Lawrence	159,179 44	159,366 76	159,366 76		168,806 84		9,240 08	
	187 32							
Eugenia	320,497 60							
	525,673 82	846,171 42	846,171 42		859,342 91		13,171 49	
Ottawa	432 39	432 39	432 39		432 39			
Welland	16,616 96	16,616 96	16,616 96		16,427 53		189 43	
Muskoka	27,929 08							
	5,505 57	33,434 65	33,434 65		33,540 68		106 03	
Office Building	206,982 09	206,982 09	206,982 09		211,863 77		4,881 68	
Round Lake	17,427 27	17,427 27	17,427 27		20,758 74		3,331 47	
Storehouse and Operation...	77,637 23	20,136 53	51,757 45		78,240 32		26,482 87	
		5,743 25						
Machine Shop and Garage	25,013 42	25,013 42	21,376 74		24,939 58		3,562 84	
and Operation		7,759 21						
Construction Tools	7,734 97	2,877 47	7,734 97		7,422 91			312 06
Automobiles	21,003 69		21,003 69					21,003 69
Stock	409,919 90	229,778 33	180,141 57		157,243 21		22,898 36	
Maintenance Stock	44,681 07		44,681 07		44,433 93		247 14	
Province	835,718 35	13,169,000 00		12,333,281 65				
Cable Reels	6,354 65	6,354 65	6,259 65		6,604 82		17,569 57	
General Expense	2,907 62	2,907 62	674 68		28,749 77		28,075 09	
Electric Inspection		2,232 94			5,779 97		5,779 97	
Municipal Sales	455,928 95	346,031 00	109,897 95		109,704 18		193 77	
Construction chargeable	97,373 87				251,069 94			
Municipal Construction	786,072 60	883,446 47	212,718 91		3,142 80		3,142 80	
El. Const'n Lon. Pt. Stanley.	219,738 44				100,313 60			
" " Mtee.	4,985 10	224,723 54	96,102 99		937 05		46,641 49	
		128,620 55						

System	Provincial Auditor	Balance	Hydro Commission	Difference
	Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
Advances	\$ 23,033 96	\$ 23,033 96	\$ 23,033 96	\$
Cash	126,068 06	126,068 06	126,068 06	.....
Unpaid Power Bills	14,464,615 54	14,613,717 56	.....	.....
Maintenance and Operation	760,513 74	760,513 74	.....	.....
Pole Rent	2,142,711 99	2,142,711 99	.....	.....
Power	17,367,841 27	17,516,943 29	.....	.....
Interest	1,158,121 93	952,502 92	.....	.....
Sinking Fund	175,000 00	175,000 00	.....	.....
Depreciation .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Capital .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Province .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alleged difference .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Add errors in addition .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	19,023,085 36	19,023,085 36	12,978,826 00	80,863,190 80

REPORT OF THE ADVISING ACCOUNTANT OF THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER
COMMISSION IN REPLY TO PROVINCIAL AUDITOR.

MARCH 4TH, 1916.

SIR ADAM BECK, K.B.,
Chairman, Hydro-Electric Power Commission,
Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the statement of the Provincial Auditor addressed to the Honourable T. W. McGarry, K.C., M.P.P., Provincial Treasurer, I wish to comment as follows:—

The first paragraph of the Auditor's report wherein he gives his authority for making the report, *viz.*:

Chap. 28: "The auditor shall report to the treasurer, for the information of the Assembly, all expenditures in excess of the appropriation by the Appropriation Act, citing the recommendations and explanations of the Department and the authority of the Treasury Board." 8 Edw. VII., c. 9, s. 26.

Chap. 29: "In reporting for the information of the Assembly the result of the examination of the Appropriation Accounts, the Auditor shall call attention to every case in which it appears to him that a grant has been exceeded, or that money received by a department from other sources than the grants for the year to which the account relates has not been applied or accounted for according to the directions of the Legislature; or that a sum charged against a grant is not supported by proof of payment, or that a payment so charged did not occur within the period of the account, or was for any other reason not properly chargeable against the grant." 8 Edw. VII., c. 9, s. 27.

The statement is made on page 1, that the expenditures made by the Commission from the monies advanced by the Province under the provisions of section 14 of the Power Commission Act, began in 1906 and continued until 1908, when \$118,663.69 had been expended, which amount, it is stated, still remains under the Act a debt to the Province.

Certain appropriations have been voted by the Legislature for the purpose of carrying on the work of the Commission, from time to time, as authorized under the various sections of the Act, as follows, *viz.*; 1906, 1907, and 1908, amounts aggregating \$61,000; during which period the Commission expended the amount above referred to, the accounts covering which were properly passed by the Legislature.

It was not contemplated, nor do we believe it to be the intent of the Act that monies expended during the above period should be a charge upon the municipalities served. In addition to the reports and estimates to the municipalities, the Commission, during the period, made extensive reports and surveys, gathered data on stream-flow and investigated power developments, which work was a benefit to the Province as a whole. While the Act specifically stated that "the expenditures of the Commission on any works undertaken under the provisions of the Act shall be repayable to the Commission

by the municipalities which have entered into contracts therewith" . . . we can find no provision in the Act for the repayment by the municipalities of amounts contracted prior to their entering into contracts.

The sequence of the clauses in the original Acts of 1906 and 1907 apparently purports that all expenditures up to the time of entering into contracts with municipalities shall be a charge against the Province and such appropriations as have been voted by the Legislature.

The statement is made that . . . "it has been found to be impossible to complete the report, or to make any progress approaching completion with regard to the expenditures of the Commission for each or any of the fiscal years 1909 to 1915, owing to the attitude and conduct of the Commission in failing to furnish for each or any of such years, complete accounts for adjustment and audit."

We know of no justification for this statement, as all facilities have been extended the auditor and statements submitted to him as requested, from time to time, as will be evidenced by the correspondence, and in the light of the numerous requests to have the auditor deal with the records in the office of the Commission, it seems impossible that such a statement can be credited.

No attempt at an audit, even by the methods employed by the department, was made until the end of 1914, with the exception of procuring vouchers with details. Quite late in 1915 the department again requested all the vouchers from the commencement of operation, together with cancelled cheques and all transfers and credits, not from the book records, but from the loose material and scraps of paper, which the department was willing to use in lieu of the actual bound ledger records of the Commission: day after day representatives of the department appeared at the offices requesting further information which they would only receive in the form mentioned, the instructions being not to look into the books of the Commission to secure this information.

All these data have been given willingly, to the Auditor, although at great inconvenience and cost to the Commission, and to the disorganization of its work. The audit could have been efficiently accomplished and at a much reduced cost to the Province and the Commission by an analysis of the books and records of the latter. This the Department absolutely refused to make.

To attempt to arrive at a definite conclusion respecting the financial condition of the Commission by the methods adopted is beyond our comprehension.

The statement is made in the report that:

"The accounts undergo and assume two distinct forms; the first form being merely a record of all the actual expenditures in one *general account* without in any way disclosing or indicating the particular purposes or services to which such expenditures shall be devoted.

"The second form being a product of a process of distributing all the expenditures from *the general account* to be borne by the particular services in such proportions as may be determined at the pleasure of the Commission."

The statement displays an utter lack of knowledge of the accounting system of the Commission and complete ignorance of its methods; the Department has not attempted to familiarize itself with the general methods employed,

with regard either to subsidiary or general ledger accounts, and how it can make such a statement as the above is past understanding.

There is *no general account*, nor "product of a process of distributing all expenditures from a general account . . . as may be determined at the pleasure of the Commission . . ."; from the commencement of operation, every account has been properly recorded in the books of the Commission, audited and certified to, and two separate and distinct sets of accounting records are kept which check one with the other and have to balance before the closing of the records monthly, as evidenced by the signature of our Auditor—first, the detailed record in the accounting department; and, second, the general record in the auditing department. All accounts and vouchers are properly distributed to the various portions of the work, under controlling headings, as chargeable at the time that the expenditure is made, and the statement is inaccurate and unsupported by the facts. As a matter of fact, we have been told frequently that our method of account keeping concerns not the Department.

With regard to the statement that according to the method cited by fixing the respective shares of the burden of such expenditures to be borne, the Commission has, contrary to the Act, charged the Province during the years 1909 to 1915, with \$835,718.35: by reference to the Power Commission Act, it will be noted that the Commission, by the various sections, is authorized to make reports and investigations into water-powers; estimate, upon the application of municipalities, the cost of power; investigate complaints in respect of electrical installations; and arbitrate differences as to underground systems, etc., for which purposes sums of money have been annually appropriated by vote of the Legislature. in addition to the appropriations for the expenditures on behalf of the municipalities, all these expenditures are distributed as made, against the actual work done under the respective accounts.

Under sections 22, 23, and 24 of the Act, the Commission is empowered to construct works, and under agreements to operate the same as trustee for and on behalf of the municipalities, and such monies as it expends shall be repayable as set forth in the Act.

With reference to the statement regarding interest, we may say that the Commission has allowed interest on all advances made by the Province and distributed the same in accordance with the work done, charging those expenditures for which the Province is entitled to re-imburse the Commission a proportionate share of interest, which share is repayable to the Province on interest account of advances from time to time.

The interest accrued on capital account until such capital is revenue-earning, must necessarily be charged to capital account, and after it becomes revenue-producing it is a charge against revenue; there is no confusion in the interest accounts and in our opinion that is the only practicable and proper method of handling the respective accounts of the Province and the municipalities.

The amendment of 1915 states:

Section 23, (c), Power Commission Act:

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“ . . . And such sum as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may direct to cover the difference between the four *per cent.* interest charged on the money so expended on capital account and all charges and expenses of providing such money . . . ”

At present it is impossible to discriminate between advances received on behalf of the Province and municipalities, and it seems the proper and most simple way to treat all in the same manner, which has been done in the records of the Commission.

Referring to the statement that the Commission has not confined its work to matters properly within the scope of its powers but has extended the character of its operations and entered into commercial transactions involving large unauthorized expenditures, as outlined in the report; I may say that the operations of the Commission have been governed by a broad interpretation of the Act, along with certain clauses in the agreements entered into with the municipalities in 1909, during which year the confirmation of the Legislature was received. The exigencies of operation have required the Commission to co-operate with the municipalities to obtain in the most economical and efficient manner, equipment, apparatus and appliances, and to construct works necessary for carrying out of the intent of the clauses set out in the agreements with the municipalities, namely: “ . . . to co-operate by all means in its power . . . and in all other respects to carry out the objects of this agreement and the said Act . . . ” and in carrying out its operations the clauses have been so interpreted, with the full knowledge of the Government, which, from time to time has been advised of the deficiencies in the Act, to cover the full operations of the Commission, and so as to enable it to co-operate by all means in its power with the municipalities, towards increasing the quantity of power sold, and the economical distribution and utilization thereof. Certain of the expenditures to carry out such an understanding have been specifically passed on the money for the same voted by the Legislature. Further, the selling of equipment for increasing the consumption of power on behalf of the municipalities has assisted in the maintenance of the works and a reduction of the expenses of operating same, authorized by the Legislature.

Such undertakings as the construction of distribution systems and the purchasing and selling of appliances, have been inaugurated and carried out to the best interest of the municipalities concerned.

With regard to the statement that the Commission had introduced into the administration of its affairs, a new element, namely what is termed the “Surplus applicable to depreciation reserve”; I may refer to clauses 22, 23, and 24 of the Power Commission Act, which sets out the manner in which the municipalities shall pay for the delivery of power and the manner in which the Commission is to proportion and adjust the charges to the municipalities. In section 22 (c) it is stated that part of these charges shall be composed of line-loss, cost of operating, supervising, maintaining, repairing, renewing and insuring the works. The cost of repairing, supervising and maintaining the works is obtained by direct charges for the expenditures made during the period of operation, to repair, renew and insure the works. It is necessary also to

provide a fund to take care of obsolescence of equipment and other contingencies which may arise from time to time, and which, in an efficient plant, are provided for uniformly by a levy in the same manner as for sinking fund.

This rate is based on the accumulated knowledge and experience of operation of such works and upon the best obtainable information respecting the same.

By reference to the Legislation recently enacted in the State of New York, and in others of the Union, it will be seen that it is required that public utility corporations shall set aside a proportion of revenue annually to form a fund to take care of obsolescence of equipment and contingencies, called a "depreciation fund." In order to carry on the work of the Commission and provide a uniform rate which can be used by the municipalities in the operation of their distribution systems, it is necessary that such a fund shall exist to take care of contingencies—which are in many cases impossible to foresee—liable to occur.

Again, the life of the debenture is greater than the life of the equipment which they cover, and thus it is necessary during the period of the debentures to renew at least the greater part of the plant once. This fund is accumulated to take care of such renewal also.

Referring to the statement that there are "no securities having any direct connection with a sinking fund, so called, nor is there any sinking fund involved requiring investments with interest compounded in the usual way. . . ." I may say that the Act provides that "the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may from time to time raise by way of loan on the credit of the Province, in the manner provided by the Act passed in the fifth year of His Majesty's reign, Chapter 2, such sums as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may deem requisite for the purposes of this Act. . . ." from which we interpret that the Act provides that certain bonds shall be issued for the work done by the Commission on behalf of the municipalities. In clause 22 (b) it is provided that there shall exist "an annual sum sufficient to form in thirty years a sinking fund for the retirement of the securities issued by the Province under this Act for the payment of the cost of the works. . . ." from which we understand, and have based all estimates, that sinking fund shall be provided in the usual manner, requiring investment of the interest compounded, either in the Commission's system or in the bonds of the Province.

Statements have been submitted to the Provincial Treasurer by the Provincial Auditor setting forth what purports to show the financial position of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission as upon 31st October, 1915, the results of the financial operations of the Commission from 1st January, 1909, to 31st October, 1915.

Whatever may be the source of information used in the preparation of these statements, the books of account of the Commission have not been considered for—as the Provincial Auditor has up to date declined to examine or look into these books—they are to that extent non-existent.

It is impossible to imagine how a statement prepared quite apart from the books of the Commission could coincide even remotely with a statement drawn directly therefrom.

Names of accounts have been changed and arbitrary variations of distribution has been made. The only method for reconciling the two statements (that of the Auditor and that of the Commission) is to bring together the full data from which they have been produced and compare the same, item by item. In the meantime a statement has been prepared—a copy being submitted herewith—setting forth in parallel columns the amounts of each account specifically with the various differences. These columns, if they accomplish nothing more, show at least that the alleged amount, stated in the Auditor's report as unaccounted for—\$172,619.14—disappears. It may be said that the copy of the Auditor's report contains several inaccuracies in the additions pointing to carelessness in preparation.

A copy is submitted of the financial account between the Ontario Government and the Commission, which may illustrate the method of preparation in the Auditor's report. It may be said that the books of the Accountant to the Treasury Department are now, and have always been, in accordance with the books of the Commission.

In conclusion, I may say that the general operations of the Commission have been carried on under a broad interpretation of the Act, with the full knowledge of the Government as aforesaid, and I can only assert that the records of the Commission, to my knowledge, are accurate, and represent in detail its transactions.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. S. ANDREWS,

Advising Accountant.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

1908	Cash	\$53,000 00	
1909 to 1915	Cash	13,169,000 00	
1911	Interest to 31st October	205,874 77	
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			\$13,427,874 77

Sundry Disbursements.

1908	Cash	\$860 52	
1908	52,139 48	
1909	37,106 27	
1910	.....	44,543 22	
1911	.....	91,302 43	
1912	.....	170,684 52	
1913	138,592 11	
1914	182,443 30	
1915	219,490 84	
1915	Repayment of Capital	175,000 00	
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			1,112,162 69
			<hr/>
	Balance as per Hydro Ledger, Cr.		\$12,315,712 08

PROVINCIAL AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

1915 Cash advanced to date	\$13,169,000 00	
		<u>\$13,169,000 00</u>
By Sundry Charges as below:		
1909	\$37,106 27	
1910	44,543 22	
1911	102,225 89	
1912	152,341 55	
1913	136,920 59	
1914	119,569 49	
1915	243,011 34	
		<u>835,718 35</u>
Balance <i>per</i> Auditor, Dr.		\$12,333,281 65

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Balance <i>per</i> Auditor's Statement, Dr.	\$12,333,281 65	
1908 Cash omitted, Dr.	53,000 00	
1911 Interest omitted, Dr.	205,874 77	
		<u>\$12,592,156 42</u>
1908 By Cash returned omitted	\$860 52	
1908 Expenditures omitted	52,139 48	
1909-1915 Sundry differences in Expendi- tures	48,444 34	
1915 Return of Capital	175,000 00	
		<u>276,444 34</u>
Balance <i>per</i> Hydro Ledger		\$12,315,712 08

Differences, 1909—1915.

	Hydro.	Auditor.
1909	\$37,106 27	\$37,106 27
1910	44,543 22	44,543 22
1911	91,302 43	102,225 89
1912	170,684 52	152,341 55
1913	138,592 11	136,920 59
1914	182,443 30	119,569 49
1915	219,490 84	243,011 34
	<u>\$884,162 69</u>	<u>\$835,718 35</u>
Difference referred to above		48,444 34
	<u>\$884,162 69</u>	<u>\$884,162 69</u>

STATEMENTS PREPARED BY THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER
COMMISSION AND PRINTED IN THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1909-1915 INCLUSIVE.

1909.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION (\$524,000).

Statement made by direction of a minute of the Treasury Board under the provisions of sub-section 1 of section 29 of the Audit Act as amended by chap. 10, 9 Edward VII.

Miscellaneous:—

Consulting Engineers	\$6,406 45
Legal Expenses	7,395 00
Travelling expenses to Europe	2,885 28
Proportion Executive Engineering	8,149 04
Proportion General Expenses	7,188 30
Hydraulic Reports	4,412 25
Public Works	669 95
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	\$37,106 27
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NIAGARA POWER TRANSMISSION:—

Right of Way:—

Telephone line wages and survey	\$534 65
Transmission line wages and survey	15,655 12
Proportion of Executive Engineering	4,868 44
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\$21,058 21

Transformer Stations:—

Niagara Falls	1,987 13
Dundas	9,280 64
Toronto	2,218 58
Guelph	1,918 96
Berlin	2,153 83
Preston	107 00
Stratford	106 35
St. Mary's	133 75
London	1,081 21
Woodstock	94 00
St. Thomas	16 90
Proportion Engineering wages and expenses	12,179 33
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\$31,277 68

Transmission Lines:—

Towers ..	125,121 65	
Telephone Line ..	53,615 44	
Insulators ..	1,850 69	
Cable ..	20,242 11	
Engineering ..	11,894 85	
Location ..	1,893 43	
		214,618 17

Automobiles ..	15,176 61	
General Expenses ..	1,026 91	
Legal Expenses ..	3,000 00	
Payments for easements—Transmission Line ..	139,371 30	
Payments for Pole Rights—Telephone Line ..	8,910 50	
Payments for sundry fees etc., Out-of-Town Solicitors.....	2,333 61	

Payments for sites Transformer Stations:—

Niagara Falls ..	5,205 20	
Berlin ..	1,000 00	
Preston ..	1,255 00	
Stratford ..	1,045 00	
St. Marys ..	225 00	
		8,730 20
Cash in Bank <i>per</i> statement A. F. Lobb ..		2,279 39

Disbursements in statement of A. F. Lobb to be accounted for:—

June 7, W. M. Whitehead ..	1,500 00	
July 20, C. J. McCormick ..	1,130 00	
August 25-27, W. A. Reid ..	3,000 00	
Sundry fees charged by A. F. Lobb ..	7,745 00	
Sundry Advances to be accounted for ..	5,550 00	
Cash in Bank, 31st October, 1909 ..	20,186 15	
		\$486,893 73

NOTE.—Accounts received by the Audit Office, \$443,641.65.

1910.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION (\$2,175,000.00).

Statement prepared by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and printed by direction of a Minute of the Treasury Board, dated the 20th day of January, 1911, in pursuance to the provisions of subsection 1 of section 29 of the Audit Act as amended by Chap. 10, 9 Edward VII.

MISCELLANEOUS:—

Provincial Government Expenditure as <i>per</i> statement below	\$44,543 22
Amount expended on Niagara Transmission	
Lines, fiscal year 1910	\$2,100,547 70
Amount expended on Port Arthur Transmis-	
sion Line, fiscal year 1910	29,909 08
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	2,130,456 78
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	\$2,175,000 00
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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION.—ABSTRACT 1909-10.

Receipts.

Cash in Bank 1st November, 1909	20,186 15
Received from Provincial Treasurer	2,175,000 00
Rental of poles, Township of Stamford	15 00
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	\$2,195,201 15
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Expenditure.

NIAGARA POWER TRANSMISSION:—

Right of Way	\$187,880 67
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Transformer Stations—

Niagara Falls	\$131,883 55
Dundas	83,189 52
Toronto	103,697 22
Guelph	64,424 10
Berlin	67,311 25
Preston	65,944 85
Stratford	48,407 13
St. Mary's	46,061 34
London	49,890 16
Woodstock	47,016 37
St. Thomas	45,290 16
Transformer Engineering	19,594 84
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772,710 49

Transmission Lines:—

Towers	664,537 17
Telephone Line	63,723 07
Insulators	96,296 90
Cable	175,370 39
Engineering	26,737 44
Miscellaneous	100 00
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1,026,764 97

General Expense	8,937 91
Automobiles	13,608 36
Low Tension	69,377 43
Port Credit Station	5,847 26
Toronto Entrance	376 39
Windsor Extension ..	125 00
Advances to Agents, Niagara	2,280 00
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	\$2,087,908 48

Port Arthur Transmission	29,909 08
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MISCELLANEOUS:—

Provincial Government other Expenditure:

Consulting Engineers and Legal Expenses..	6,331 25
Electrical appliances necessary for opening demonstration	2,788 87
Hydraulic Reports	2,149 50
Department of Public Works	183 50
Proportion of Engineering wages, expenses, and sundries, 12 months	11,769 68
Portion of Office Staff wages, rent, telephone, stationery, and general expense, 12 months	21,320 42
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	44,543 22
Cash in Bank, 31st October, 1910	32,840 37
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	\$2,195,201 15

1911.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION.—(\$1,450,000.00.)

Statement prepared by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and printed by direction of a Minute of the Treasury Board, dated the 1st day of February, 1912, in pursuance of the provisions of subsection 1 of section 29 of the Audit Act as amended by Chap. 10, 9 Edward VII.

MISCELLANEOUS:—

Provincial Government Expenditure as per statement below	\$91,302 43
Amount expended on Niagara Transmission Lines, fiscal year 1911 (capital account).	1,332,581 78
Amount expended on Port Arthur Transmis- sion Line, fiscal year 1911 (capital account)	26,115 79
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	1,358,697 57
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	\$1,450,000 00

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION.—ABSTRACT, 1910-11.

Receipts.

Cash in Bank 1st November, 1910		32,840 37
Received from Provincial Treasurer	1,450,000 00	
Interest to 31st October, 1911	205,874 77	
Received for rentals	15 00	
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	1,655,889 77	
Less Expenditures by Commission (Provincial Government Expenditure)	91,302 43	
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		1,564,587 34
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		1,597,427 71
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Expenditure.

NIAGARA TRANSMISSION:—

Right of Way	91,466 36
Transformer Stations	375,017 73
Steel Tower Lines	272,842 51
General Expense	23,826 80
Wood Pole Lines	265,391 12
Windsor Extension Engineering	1,470 92
Distributing Stations	901 99
Tools ..	4,583 34
Stock ..	25,627 80
Interest during Construction	180,449 43

1,241,578 00

OTHER EXPENDITURES TO BE REPAID:—

Testing and Laboratory Equipment	10,923 46
Toronto Entrance	194,947 83
Penetanguishene ..	10,383 96
Construction Chargeable	7,712 15
Power Bills Unpaid	71,344 51
Warrantable Advances	4,920 86
Port Arthur Transmission	26,115 79

326,348 56

Cash in Bank, October 31st, 1911 29,501 15

\$1,597,427 71

MISCELLANEOUS:—

Provincial Government other Expenditure:

Hydraulic Reports	13,733 58
Department of Public Works	1,229 15
Proportion of Engineering wages, expenses and sundries, 12 months	51,211 39
Proportion of Office Staff, wages, rent, telephone, stationery, and general expense, 12 months	25,128 31
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	91,302 43

1912.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION (\$650,000.00).

Statement prepared by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and printed by direction of a Minute of the Treasury Board, dated the 8th day of February, 1913, in pursuance to the provisions of subsection 1 of section 29 of the Audit Act, as amended by Cap. 10, 9 Edward VII.—J. C.

A.

MISCELLANEOUS:—

Provincial Government Expenditure as per statement below	170,684 52
Amount expended on Niagara Transmission Lines, fiscal year 1912 (capital account)	458,159 16
Amount expended on Port Arthur Transmission Line, fiscal year 1912 (capital account)	21,156 32
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	\$479,315 48
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	\$650,000 00

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION—ABSTRACT, 1911-1912.

Receipts.

Cash in Bank, November 1st, 1911	\$29,501 15
Received from Provincial Treasurer	650,000 00
Received from Rentals	15 00
Maintenance and Operation, Net	62,931 02
Tools	753 87
Stock	11,590 00
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	\$754,791 04

Less Expenditure by Prov.....	\$170,684 52	
Less Expenditure, Testing, 1911	11,484 92	
		\$159,199 60
		<u>\$595,591 44</u>

Expenditure.

NIAGARA TRANSMISSION:—

Right of Way	\$44,150 57	
Wood Pole Lines	137,183 58	
Steel Tower Lines	165,067 67	
Transformer Stations	56,165 63	
Distributing Station	36,901 81	
Windsor Extension Engineering	530 69	
		<u>\$439,999 95</u>

OTHER EXPENDITURES TO BE REPAID:—

Port Arthur	\$21,156 32	
Penetanguishene ..	4,432 05	
St. Lawrence	6,624 30	
Sundry Construction Chargeable	7,787 82	
Simcoe	30,597 05	
Toronto Entrance	25,408 33	
Hydraulic Construction	4,769 70	
		<u>\$100,775 57</u>
Warrantable Advances increase	1,839 14	
Increase in Power Bills unpaid	50,035 00	
Cash in Bank, October 31st, 1912	2,941 78	
		<u>\$595,591 44</u>

MISCELLANEOUS:—

Provincial Expenditures Fiscal Year 1911 and 1912.

Engineering assistance to Municipalities, including travelling expenses		\$57,618 69
Practical Demonstrations of Electric Equipment on farms, also in Exhibitions.....	\$21,057 24	
Shop and Development work, also testing equipment, instruments, etc.	23,589 77	
Hydraulic Reports and Investigations, including expenses	17,678 14	
Standardizing Municipal Stations, Lines and Equipment	9,875 00	
Department of Public Works	6,331 54	
Rules and Regulations—wiring	4,700 00	

Inspection—Overhead	2,895 00	
Inspection—Underground	1,700 00	
		4,595 00
Office furniture, stationery and stamps, etc.		6,102 95
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		\$93,929 64
GENERAL OFFICE ASSISTANCE:—		
Stenographers	\$2,700 00	
Clerical and Accounting	840 00	
Filing	1,000 00	
Secretary's Staff	5,040 00	
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		9,580 00
Storehouse		9,556 19
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Total		\$170,684 52

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION (\$1,500,000.00).

Statement prepared by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, and printed by direction of a Minute of the Treasury Board; dated the 17th day of February 1914, in pursuance of the provisions of subsection 1 of section 29 of the Audit Act, as amended by Cap. 10, 9 Edward VII. No audit by Audit Office.

J.C.

A.

Financial Statement as upon 31st October, 1913.

MISCELLANEOUS:—

Provincial Government expenditure, as <i>per</i> statement below ..	\$138,592 11
Amount advanced to Commission, fiscal year ended October 31st, 1913	1,361,407 89
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	\$1,500,000 00

Liabilities.

Due Ontario Government for Advances ...	\$6,022,646 22
At credit Sinking Fund and Depreciation, sundry systems	\$125,359 72
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	\$6,148,005 94

Assets.

Expenditure upon Capital Account as <i>per</i> detail below	\$5,913,238 11
Warrantable Advances	20,973 00
Power Bills unpaid 31st October, 1913 ...	153,211 10
Cash in Bank	60,583 73
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	\$6,148,005 94

Ledger Balances, 31st October, 1913.

Liabilities.

Provincial Treasurer	\$6,022,646 22	
Niagara Maintenance and Operation	108,938 76	
Severn System Depreciation	2,393 94	
Port Arthur Sinking Fund	3,577 13	
Port Arthur Depreciation	8,360 76	
Welland System Operation	543 11	
Interest Account	1,105 39	
Niagara Rural Operation	440 63	
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		\$6,148,005 94

Assets.

Sundry Expenditure, as <i>per list</i>	\$5,913,238 11	
Warrantable Advances	20,973 00	
Power Bills unpaid 31st October, 1913	153,211 10	
Cash in Bank	60,583 73	
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		\$6,148,005 94

Total Capital Cost to October 31st, 1913.

Following is a statement of Expenditures on Capital Account, including Niagara, Port Arthur, Severn, St. Lawrence and Renfrew Systems, also Municipal Construction (chargeable) Stock on Hand and Tools, together with Expenditure on behalf of Province and value of assets on same account.

NIAGARA SYSTEM.

Transmission Lines:—

Right of Way	\$564,345 20	
Steel Tower Lines	1,783,786 13	
Telephone Lines	129,681 69	
Relay System Lines	54,537 32	
Conduit System, Ontario Power Co. to Niagara Station	47,924 92	
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		\$2,580,275 26
Right of Way, Windsor Extension	\$41,578 04	
Steel Tower and Telephone Lines, Windsor Extension	111,691 96	
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		\$153,270 00
Wood Pole Lines in operation	584,147 29	
Wood Pole Lines in course of construction	181,280 69	
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		\$765,427 98
Rural Line Construction		35,882 71
Welland District Lines		8,066 33
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		\$3,542,922 28

Transformer Stations:—

Stations in Operation	\$1,511,340 85	
Stations and Extensions in course of construction	60,443 19	\$1,571,784 04
Distributing Stations in Operation	65,811 19	
Distributing Stations in course of Construction	7,854 97	73,666 16
		\$5,188,372 48

OTHER SYSTEMS.

Port Arthur Capital Cost:—

Transmission Line	\$15,801 29	
Transformer Station	64,249 49	
Extension to Station in Construction	10,374 48	\$90,425 26

Penetanguishene Capital Cost:—

Transmission Line	\$9,136 71	
Transformer Station	6,016 50	\$15,153 21

St. Lawrence System:—

Transmission Lines in Operation	\$53,219 95	
Transmission in Construction and not Operating	37,175 60	
Distributing Stations in Operation	2,906 09	
Distributing Stations in Construction	5 00	
Preliminary Survey on Steel Tower Lines..	359 38	\$93,666 02

Severn System:—

Transmission Lines	194,185 57	
Distributing Stations	26,029 47	220,215 04
		14,414 04
Waddell Falls Power Development, Site and Construction..		
Waddell District Wood Pole Lines, Engineering and Estimates		317 19
re proposed construction		234,946 27

Renfrew System:—

Round Lake Storage Dam Construction	17,761 88
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Municipal Construction Chargeable:—

Various Municipalities	121,340 72	
Right of Way, Toronto Entrance	1,544 70	
		<u>122,885 42</u>

Storehouse:—

Toronto Storehouse, Testing Laboratory, Garage and Machine Shop	50,322 25	
Dundas Storehouse	1,581 36	
		<u>51,903 61</u>

Stock and Tools:—

Line and Station Construction, Stock on Hand	56,268 76	
Line and Station Maintenance, Stock on Hand	15,976 78	
Line Construction Tools and Camp Equip- ment	2,715 86	
		<u>74,961 40</u>

General Expense Accounts (Capitalized):

Automobiles	10,520 00	
Unexpired Insurance, autos.	1,229 64	
Unexpired Insurance, employees	1,748 65	
Office Furniture and Equipment	7,175 42	
Stationery, Cameras, etc.	2,488 85	
		<u>23,162 56</u>

Total Capital Expenditure	\$5,913,238 11
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Cash Statement year ending 31st October, 1913.

Receipts.

Cash in Bank 31st October, 1912	\$2,941 78	
Province of Ontario	1,500,000 00	
Maintenance and Operation, Niagara	47,508 76	
Toronto Entrance	251,982 40	
Port Arthur	631 70	
		<u>\$1,803,064 64</u>

Expenditure.

Niagara System:—		
Right of Way	\$22,256	35
Steel Tower Lines	369,605	88
Wood Pole Lines	277,706	32
Transformer Stations	248,977	31
Distributing Stations	35,862	36
Rural Construction	35,882	71
Windsor Right of Way	34,375	70
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		\$1,024,666 63
Other Systems:—		
Severn	202,089	24
St. Lawrence	87,041	72
Construction Chargeable	64,230	39
Hydraulic Construction	12,998	68
Municipal Construction	41,610	36
Welland	2,206	89
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		410,177 28
Province of Ontario		138,592 11
General Accounts:—		
Storehouse	51,903	61
Stock and Tools	51,094	13
Automobiles and Office Supplies	23,162	56
Warrantable Advances, increase	5,053	00
Power Bills unpaid, increase	31,831	59
Cash balance, 31st October, 1913	60,583	73
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		229,628 62
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		\$1,803,064 64

Provincial Expenditures.

Provincial Account for Fiscal Year 1912-1913.

Engineering assistance to Municipalities, advising on construction of Distribution systems, estimating rates and accounting, including travelling expenses	\$69,290 97
Hydrographic surveys, reports on stream flow and power sites for the Province	29,663 23
Rules and Regulations for the installation of systems for the utilization of Electrical energy	6,412 16
Practical Demonstrations of the use of Electrical energy on the Farm, also in connection with Rural and Urban Exhibitions	7,079 72

Shop and development work on the improvement of apparatus, also testing of Instruments and Equipment, including Lamps and Meters	4,229 19
Illuminating Engineering investigations, general and specific	597 03
Gathering of data and statistics for the compilation of the Annual Report, including General Publicity and European report.	5,120 67
Gathering of data and statistics, and preliminary surveying in connection with the projected construction of Electric Railways	9,814 81
Engineering assistance to Department of Public Works, including expenses of engineers	627 63
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	\$132,835 41

Capital Expenditures.

Equipment for Farm and Rural Demonstrations	2,066 02
Instruments, Hydraulic Department	3,152 50
Instruments, Electric Railway Department.	538 18
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	5,756 70
Total	<hr/>
	\$138,592 11

1914.

HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO (\$4,270,000.00).

Statement authorized by direction of a Minute of the Treasury Board dated the 18th day of January, 1915, in pursuance of the provisions of subsection 1 of section 32 of Audit Act, Chap. 23, R.S.O., 1914. No audit by Audit Office.—J. C.

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Financial Statement as upon 31st October, 1914.

Liabilities.

Due Ontario Government for Advances....	\$10,010,202 92
At Credit Sinking Fund and Depreciation, sundry systems	363,690 83
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	\$10,373,893 75

Assets.

Expenditures upon Capital Account as per detail below	10,130,048 83	
Warrantable advances	23,116 42	
Power Bills unpaid 31st October, 1914....	168,044 37	
Cash in Bank	52,684 13	
		10,373,893 75

Ledger Balances, October 31st, 1914.

Liabilities.

Provincial Treasurer	10,010,202 92	
Niagara Revenue	333,625 60	
Severn Revenue	62 08	
Welland Revenue	700 55	
Port Arthur Revenue	5,789 52	
Port Arthur Sinking Fund	3,577 13	
Port Arthur Depreciation	8,360 76	
Severn Depreciation	2,393 94	
Interest Account	8,970 12	
Storehouse and Laboratory Operation	211 13	
		10,373,893 75

Assets.

Sundry Expenditures, per list	\$10,130,048 83	
Warrantable Advances	23,116 42	
Power Bills Unpaid October 31st, 1914....	168,044 37	
Cash on hand	52,684 13	
		10,373,893 75

Total Capital Cost to October 31st, 1914.

Following is a statement of Expenditures on Capital Account, including Niagara, Severn, Wasdell, St. Lawrence, Eugenia, Port Arthur and Renfrew Systems, also Municipal Construction (chargeable), Stock on Hand and Tools, together with Expenditures on behalf of the Province.

NIAGARA SYSTEM.

Transmission Lines (Operating) :—

Right of Way	\$574,806 67	
Steel Tower Lines	2,095,050 23	
Telephone Lines	129,706 69	
Relay System Lines	54,537 32	
Conduit System, Ontario Power Co. to Niagara Station	66,844 67	
		\$2,920,945 58

Windsor Extension (not operating):—		
Right of Way	195,060	87
Steel Tower and Telephone Lines	835,734	97
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		1,030,795 84
Duplication of Transmission Line, Niagara to Dundas (not Operating):—		
Right of Way	47,264	25
Steel Tower and Telephone Lines	258,305	92
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		305,570 17
Wood Pole Lines in Operation	1,047,924	46
Wood Pole Lines in course of construction..	191,572	20
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		1,239,496 66
Welland and St. Catharines District Lines		8,239 26
Rural Line Construction		159,382 23
Transformer Stations:—		
Stations in Operation	1,905,352	25
Stations and Extensions in course of Construction ..	342,080	83
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		2,247,433 08
Distributing Stations in Operation	86,674	65
Distributing Stations in course of Construction ..	5,138	18
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		91,812 83

OTHER SYSTEMS.

Port Arthur Capital Cost:—		
Transmission Line	18,991	08
Transformer Station	84,739	79
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		103,730 87
Penetanguishene Capital Cost:—		
Transmission Line	9,149	19
Transformer Station	7,091	82
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		16,241 01
St. Lawrence System:—		
Transmission Lines in Operation	\$105,790	72
Transmission Lines in course of Construction	8,274	86
Distributing Stations in Operation	9,723	49
Distributing Stations in course of Construction	38	51
Preliminary Survey on Steel Tower Lines..	373	98
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		\$124,201 56
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		\$8,247,849 03

Severn System:—

Power Development (Purchase of Simcoe Ry. & Power Co.'s Plant and System)...	\$434,177 64	
Transmission Lines in Operation	197,028 86	
Transmission Lines in Course of Construction	11,884 19	
Distributing Stations in Operation	30,405 87	
Distributing Stations in course of Construction	2,454 81	
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		\$675,951 37

Wasdell Falls System:—

Power Development Plant and Transformer Station	\$112,832 26	
Transmission Lines	94,051 24	
Distributing Stations	3,444 42	
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		\$210,327 92

Eugenia Falls System:—

Right of Way and Power Development Plant	\$228,556 30	
Transmission Lines	10,102 71	
Transformer Stations	49 84	
Distributing Stations	30 68	
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		\$238,739 53

Renfrew System:—

Round Lake Storage Dam	\$20,763 74	
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		\$20,763 74

General Accounts (Chargeable):—

Construction Work charged to Municipalities	\$308,748 62	
Sales to Municipalities	25,003 12	
St. Lawrence District Operating Charges ..	829 70	
Ottawa Power and Operating Charges	5,820 05	
London and Port Stanley Railway Construction	7,725 49	
Cable Reels (returnable)	3,146 07	
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		\$351,273 05

General Accounts (Capitalized):—

Office Furniture and Equipment	\$11,576 41	
Unexpired Insurance, Employees'	2,473 18	
Unexpired Insurance, Office Equipment....	88 70	
Stationery on hand	1,327 99	
Cameras	333 87	
Travellers' Certificates	359 25	
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		\$16,159 40

Garage Account:—

Automobiles (less depreciation)	\$21,516 06	
Stock on hand (covers, tubes, etc.), and repairs	11,182 11	
Unexpired Automobile Insurance	1,724 25	
		<u>\$34,422 42</u>

Machine Shop Account:—

Labor and Material on unfinished products, chargeable to Construction on completion	\$1,178 41	
		<u>\$1,178 41</u>

Storehouse, etc:—

Toronto Storehouse, Testing Laboratory, Garage and Machine Shop	\$74,633 83	
Dundas Storehouse	1,586 04	
		<u>\$76,219 87</u>

Office Building	\$69,493 08	
		<u>\$69,493 08</u>

Stock and Tools:—

Line and Station Construction Stock on hand	\$152,626 01	
Line Maintenance Stock	17,631 43	
Station Maintenance Stock	11,529 15	
		<u>\$181,786 59</u>

Line and Station Construction Tools (less depreciation)	\$2,946 31	
Line and Station Maintenance Tools (less depreciation)	1,802 20	
Camp Equipment	1,135 91	
		<u>\$5,884 42</u>

Total Expenditure \$10,130,048 83

Cash Statement year ending 31st October, 1914

Receipts.

Cash in Bank, 31st October, 1913	\$60,583 73	
Province of Ontario	4,170,000 00	
Sundry Systems Sinking Funds	238,331 11	
Construction Chargeable, reduced	73,361 83	
Toronto Entrance, reduced	1,544 70	
		<u>\$4,543,821 37</u>

Expenditure.

Niagara System:—

Right of Way	\$48,433	87	
Right of Way, A	47,665	50	
Right of Way, Windsor	131,740	82	
Steel Tower Lines	1,295,926	14	
Wood Pole Lines	474,100	95	
Transformer Stations	675,649	04	
Distributing Stations	18,146	67	
Rural Construction	123,499	52	
			\$2,815,162 51

Other Systems:—

Severn	\$442,151	32	
Wasdell	210,272	70	
St. Lawrence	31,365	24	
Hydraulic Construction	2,998	66	
Municipal Construction	260,769	73	
Welland	140	60	
Port Arthur	13,305	61	
Ottawa	5,820	05	
Eugenia Falls	238,739	53	
			\$1,205,563 44

General Accounts:—

Office Building	\$69,493	08	
Storehouse	18,385	26	
Machine Shop and Garage	18,291	52	
Stock and Tools	111,456	05	
Railway Construction	7,725	49	
Municipal Stock	26,256	68	
Automobiles and Office Supplies	16,237	15	
Cable Reels	3,146	07	
Warrantable Advances	2,143	42	
Power Accounts unpaid	14,833	27	
			\$287,967 99
Province of Ontario			182,443 30
Cash on Hand 31st October, 1914			52,684 13
			\$4,543,821 37

PROVINCIAL EXPENDITURES.

Provincial Account for Fiscal Year 1913-1914.

Engineering assistance to the non-operating Municipalities; the gathering of data throughout the Province for statisti- cal purposes; reports on Municipal operation and also the making of estimates for the delivery of power for Muni- cipalities arranging to take current	\$28,898	41
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Municipal estimates for power supply and rate investigation	4,851 29
Hydrographic surveys, storage surveys for the Province, reports and investigations of power sites and reports on stream flow	25,921 18
Reports on overhead and underground construction for Municipalities, rural districts, and auxiliary plant investigations	6,025 58
Engineering investigations for Municipalities, testing, and reports on proposed Municipal Electric Railways	32,570 66
Rules and Regulations, inspection of installation of systems for the utilization of electric energy	6,416 87
Engineering in connection with collection of data on Municipal Illumination and standardization of meters, motors and transformers	3,510 16
Demonstration at Rural and Urban Fairs	6,830 72
Niagara Surveys	6,354 06
Grand River Storage Surveys	6,183 24
Grand River Hydrographic Surveys	6,623 78
Lake of the Woods—District Surveys, Hydrographic and Stream Flow	4,394 07
General Office Expenses, including Secretary's, Accounting, Stenographical and General Office Staffs, also stationery and rent	27,422 86
Administration	16,440 47
Total	<u>\$182,443 30</u>

Detail of Expenditure to October 31st, 1914.

Niagara System:—

Right of Way	\$612,779 07
Right of Way Section A	47,665 50
Right of Way, Windsor	166,116 52
Steel Tower Lines	3,430,750 50
Wood Pole Lines	1,244,845 26
Transformer Stations	2,247,433 08
Distributing Stations	91,812 83
Rural Construction	159,382 23
	<u>\$8,000,784 99</u>

Severn System:—

Distributing Stations	\$32,912 60
Transmission Lines	218,062 24
Transformer Stations	7,091 82
Power Development	434,177 64
	<u>\$692,244 30</u>

Wasdell System:—

Wasdell Power Development	112,828	96	
Wasdell Transmission Lines	94,051	24	
Wasdell Distributing Stations	3,392	50	
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			\$210,272 70

St. Lawrence System:—

Distributing Stations	\$9,762	00	
Transmission Lines	114,065	58	
Operation ..	829	70	
Steel Tower Lines	373	98	
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			\$125,031 26

Eugenia Falls System:—

Transmission Lines	10,102	71	
Transformer Stations	49	84	
Power Development	185,509	10	
Right of Way	43,047	20	
Distributing Stations	30	68	
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			\$238,739 52

General Accounts:—

Hydraulic Construction	\$20,767	04	
Office Building	69,493	08	
Municipal Construction	302,380	09	
Construction Chargeable	6,368	53	
Storehouse and Laboratory Capital Cost..	70,288	87	
Machine Shop and Garage Capital Cost....	5,931	00	
Construction Tools and Equipment	5,884	42	
Stock ..	151,372	45	
Railway Construction	7,725	49	
Municipal Sales	26,256	68	
General Expense	17,496	02	
Machine Shop and Garage Operation	12,360	52	
Automobiles and Office Equipment	21,903	69	
Cable Reels	3,146	07	
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			\$721,373 95

Other Systems:—

Port Arthur, Capital Cost	\$103,730	87	
Welland, Construction	2,890	60	
Maintenance Stock	29,160	58	
Ottawa Operation	48	15	
Ottawa Suspense Account	5,771	90	
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			\$141,602 10
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			\$10,130,048 83

Expenditures Made on Account of the Ontario Government for Fiscal Year
ending 31st October, 1914.

Municipal Engineering	\$1,290 63
Provincial Engineering	70,212 98
Public Works Department	79 30
Hydraulic Report and Investigations	53,148 13
Demonstration	7,698 18
Rules and Regulations	8,396 20
Statistics ..	5,654 30
Electric Railway Projects	35,963 58
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	\$182,443 30

1915.

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario (\$2,600,000.00).

Balance Sheet, October 31st, 1915.

Assets.

Sundry Expenditures, <i>per list</i>	\$12,582,221 22
Warrantable Advances	23,033 96
Unpaid Power Bills, October 31st, 1915 ...	247,502 76
Cash on hand	126,068 06
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	\$12,978,826 00

Liabilities.

Provincial Treasurer	\$12,315,712 08
Niagara System, Surplus applicable to Sink- ing Fund and Depreciation Reserve Ac- count ..	583,754 74
Severn System, Surplus applicable to Sink- ing Fund and Depreciation Reserve Ac- count ..	16,774 46
Port Arthur System, Surplus applicable to Sinking Fund and Depreciation Reserve Account ..	24,212 85
Welland System, Surplus applicable to Sink- ing Fund and Depreciation Reserve Ac- count ..	306 06
St. Lawrence System, Surplus applicable to Depreciation Reserve Account	676 54
Ottawa System, Surplus applicable to Sink- ing Fund	5 06

Storehouse and Laboratory Operation Sur- plus	7,106 64	
Garage and Machine Shop Operation Sur- plus	1,724 57	
Interest Account	28,553 00	
	<hr/>	\$12,978,826 00

Total Capital Investment to October 31st, 1915.

Following is a Statement of Expenditures on Capital Account, including Niagara, Severn, Wasdell, St. Lawrence, Eugenia, Port Arthur, Muskoka, Renfrew and Ottawa Systems; also Construction Chargeable, Stock on Hand and Tools.

NIAGARA SYSTEM.

Transmission Lines:—

Right of Way	\$966,340 08	
Steel Tower Lines	3,426,074 78	
Telephone Lines	129,706 69	
Relay System Lines	54,537 32	
Conduit System (Ontario Power Co. to Nia- gara Station)	94,736 49	
	<hr/>	\$4,671,395 36

Dundas to Hamilton Steel Pole Line	\$52,828 95	52,828 95
Wood Pole Lines	1,523,214 36	
Wood Pole Lines in course of construction..	106,595 56	
	<hr/>	\$1,629,809 92

Welland and St. Catharines District Lines	\$16,427 53	16,427 53
Rural Line Construction	275,118 03	275,118 03

Transformer Stations:—

Stations	\$2,479,346 33	
Stations and Extensions in course of construc- tion	106,604 14	
	<hr/>	\$2,585,950 47
Distributing Stations	\$150,593 34	
Distributing Stations in course of construc- tion	2,776 25	
	<hr/>	\$153,369 59

OTHER SYSTEMS.

Severn System:—

Big Chute Power Development, including		
Generating and Transformer Station ...	\$349,529 31	
Transmission Lines	316,306 54	
Distributing Stations	68,743 39	
Engineering on Proposed Stations	7 47	
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		\$734,586 71

Waddell System:—

Power Development, including Generating		
and Transformer Station	\$132,906 97	
Transmission Lines	95,222 47	
Distributing Stations	13,430 44	
Engineering on Proposed Lines	11 56	
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		\$241,571 44

St. Lawrence System:—

Transmission Lines	\$147,651 94	
Distributing Stations	20,542 02	
Engineering on Proposed Lines	412 88	
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		\$168,606 84

Port Arthur System:—

Transmission Lines	\$22,162 17	
Transformer Stations	85,873 64	
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		\$108,035 81

Eugenia System:—

Power Development, including Generating		
and Transformer Station	\$599,934 62	
Transmission Lines	242,800 00	
Distributing Stations	16,608 29	
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		\$859,342 91

Muskoka System:—

South Falls Power Development, including		
Generating and Transformer Station ...	\$5,310 27	
Transmission Lines	28,230 41	
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		\$33,540 68

Renfrew System:—

Round Lake Storage Dam	\$20,758 74	\$20,758 74
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Ottawa System:

Meter Equipment	\$432 39	\$432 39
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General Accounts (Chargeable):—

Construction Work repayable	354,526 34	
Sales to Municipalities	109,704 18	
Renfrew District Operating Charges	937 05	
Cable Reels	6,604 82	
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		\$471,772 39

General Accounts (Capitalized):—

Office Furniture and Equipment	\$20,312 50	
Unexpired Insurance (Employees)	2,866 87	
Unexpired Insurance (Furniture and Equip- ment	76 00	
Stationery on hand	5,494 40	
Office Furniture and Equipment (Electrical Inspection Departments)	5,779 97	
Toronto Storehouse, Testing Laboratory, Gar- age and Machine Shop	83,041 01	
Dundas Storehouse	1,586 04	
Automobiles and Trucks	18,552 85	
Office Building	211,863 77	
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		\$349,573 41

Stock and Tools:—

Line and Station Construction Stock on hand	\$157,243 21	
Line Maintenance Stock	26,786 39	
Station Maintenance Stock	17,426 58	
Operating Department Equipment	220 96	
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		\$201,677 14
Line and Station Construction Tools and Equipment ..	\$5,325 65	
Line and Station Maintenance Tools	2,097 26	
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		\$7,422 91

Total Expenditure \$12,582,221 22

Provincial Expenditures.

Provincial Account for Fiscal Year 1914-15.

Engineering assistance to the non-operating Municipalities; the gathering of data throughout the Province for statistical pur- poses; reports on Municipal operation, and also the making of estimates for the deliv- ery of power for Municipalities arranging to take current	\$46,038 08
Municipal estimates for power supply and rate investigation	3,326 14

Hydrographic surveys, storage surveys for the Province, reports and investigations of power sites and reports on stream flow . . .	41,604 55	
Reports on overhead and underground construction for Municipalities, rural districts, and auxiliary plant investigations	4,514 42	
Engineering investigations for Municipalities, testing, and reports on proposed Municipal Electric Railways	45,925 18	
Rules and Regulations, inspection of installation of systems for the utilization of electric energy	4,770 85	
Demonstration at Rural and Urban Fairs . .	1,072 68	
Administration and General Expenses	25,369 27	
		\$172,621 17
Niagara Surveys		21,442 12
Electrical Inspection—Balance of Operating Expenses for period June 1st to October 31st, 1915		17,630 33
Executive		7,797 22
		<hr/> \$219,490 84

Note.—The foregoing statement was prepared by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and does not represent the accounts of the Commission as audited by the Audit Office.

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HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO

In reference to Surpluses shown on Balance Sheet to the end of Fiscal Year 1915.

SYSTEMS	Surplus on all Systems	Amount due Government on Account of Sinking Fund	Surplus available for Depreciation and Obsolescence of Plant
Niagara System	\$583,754 74	\$147,305 72	\$436,449 02
Severn System	16,774 46	13,185 95	3,588 51
Port Arthur System	24,212 85	7,323 51	16,889 34
Welland System	306 06	306 06	.....
St. Lawrence System	676 54	.....	676 54
Ottawa System	5 06	5 06	.....
Storehouse and Laboratory			
Operation	7,106 64	2,670 43	4,436 21
Garage and Machine Shop	1,724 57	498 91	1,225 66
Interest Account	28,553 00	496 13	28,056 87
	<hr/> \$663,113 92	<hr/> \$171,791 77	<hr/> \$491,322 15

TOTAL OF SURPLUSES TO OCTOBER 31ST, 1915, WITH INTEREST ACCRUED ON SAME—NIAGARA SYSTEM

	Fiscal Year 1911-1912		Fiscal Year 1912-1913		Fiscal Year 1913-1914		Fiscal Year 1914-1915		Total		Interest accrued to Oct. 31, 1915 Compounded yearly		Total		
	Surplus	Deficit	Surplus	Deficit	Surplus	Deficit	Surplus	Deficit	Surplus	Deficit	Cr.	Dr.	Surplus	Deficit	
1 Toronto	\$ 31638 33	\$	\$ 33323 75	\$	\$ 35925 80	\$	\$ 51333 66	\$	\$ 152221 54	\$	\$ 8106 72	\$	\$ 160328 26	\$	
2 Port Credit	91 77	..	304 22	..	563 31	..	564 65	..	1523 95	..	58 82	..	1582 77	..	
3 Weston .....	..	120 35	411 93	..	1467 81	..	1489 26	..	3248 65	..	77 30	..	3325 95	..
4 Brampton	1466 74	..	3089 88	..	5140 99	..	4984 97	..	14682 58	..	640 92	..	15323 50	..	
5 Milton .....	..	..	..	1089 22	2818 65	..	1261 20	..	2990 63	..	23 86	..	3014 49	..
6 Mimico	169 83	..	2520 07	1017 00	..	1027 06	645 84	..	186 16	..	832 00	..
7 New Toronto .....	..	..	..	..	65 47	..	291 57	..	357 04	..	2 62	..	359 66	..
8 Toronto Township .....	..	..	..	..	733 62	..	880 18	..	1613 80	..	29 34	..	1643 14	..
9 Streetsville .....	..	..	..	..	2331 78	..	925 55	..	3257 33	..	93 27	..	3350 60	..
10 Woodbridge	154 79	..	154 79	154 79	..
11 Bolton	814 21	..	814 21	814 21	..
12 Dundas	34 73	..	949 69	..	1302 34	..	1762 58	..	4049 34	..	133 92	..	4183 26	..	
13 Hamilton .....	..	553 64	12228 77	..	17476 80	..	20652 14	..	49804 07	..	1627 81	..	51431 88	..
14 Waterdown	342 55	..	137 51	..	394 31	..	151 90	..	1026 27	..	69 76	..	1096 03	..	
15 Caledonia	15 02	..	320 24	..	162 91	..	128 75	..	626 91	..	34 52	..	661 43	..	
16 Hagersville	1191 65	667 52	..	352 94	171 19	..	70 54	..	241 73	..
17 Guelph	3220 14	..	7766 61	..	4821 07	..	8668 98	..	24476 80	..	1228 68	..	25709 48	..	
18 Acton .....	..	..	31 16	..	223 84	..	489 42	..	744 42	..	11 50	..	755 92	..
19 Rockwood	457 60	191 13	366 49	..	41 34	..	407 83	..
20 Georgetown .....	..	..	..	1864 17	..	..	100 02	..	1266 21	..	204 10	..	1470 31	..
21 Elora	1299 47	288 60	288 60	288 60	..
22 Fergus	158 72	..	158 72	158 72	..
23 Preston	5026 70	..	7665 65	..	5014 34	..	5887 27	..	23593 96	..	1453 75	..	25047 71	..	
24 Galt	4550 75	..	8088 18	..	5710 26	..	7142 62	..	25491 81	..	1456 63	..	26948 44	..	
25 Hespeler	1496 36	..	2084 13	..	1449 71	..	1698 49	..	6728 69	..	414 89	..	7143 58	..	
26 Breslau .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	35 01	..	35 01	..	..	..	35 01	..
27 Berlin	1185 10	..	6664 17	..	4746 13	..	9004 42	..	21599 82	..	881 62	..	22481 44	..	
28 Waterloo	405 12	..	2273 32	..	1403 88	..	2782 25	..	6864 57	..	292 24	..	7156 81	..	
29 New Hamburg	147 73	..	187 75	..	744 31	..	520 64	..	1600 43	..	63 54	..	1663 97	..	
30 Baden	47 49	..	354 73	..	750 59	..	879 70	..	2032 51	..	64 89	..	2097 40	..	
31 Elmira .....	..	..	..	..	194 45	..	450 05	..	644 50	..	7 78	..	652 28	..
32 Stratford	294 20	..	4916 65	..	4707 27	..	7920 10	..	17838 22	..	626 22	..	18464 44	..	
33 Seaforth	262 71	..	1387 43	..	1429 16	..	1818 71	..	4898 01	..	203 19	..	5101 20	..	
34 Mitchell	372 70	..	1362 93	..	744 05	..	818 49	..	3298 17	..	187 51	..	3485 68	..	

Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

14th April, 1916.

The statutory authority for the acts of the Commission has been spoken to by the Chairman.

The accounting work at present stands with a cloud upon it, as the Provincial Auditor has published a statement that differences exist between the statement submitted by the Provincial Auditor and the statement submitted by the Commission. These differences can be shown to have no existence, and this will be proven when an examination is made by a qualified accountant of the books and accounts of the Commission. These accounts have been kept correctly during the past seven years and certificates of their correctness have been laid before the Commission monthly, similar statements certified have been produced to the Provincial Treasurer annually and under proper Government instructions have been incorporated in the public accounts each year. It is out of the question that there is one dollar unaccounted for by the Hydro Commission, and this can be demonstrated by an examination of their books and by no other process.

I, as Chief Accountant, Advising Accountant, Auditor, or any other title, take full responsibility for the recording of all acts of the Commission, and a proper examination of the books and accounts of the Commission will prove that they are correct as records.

W. S. ANDREWS,
F.C.A. (Ontario.)

EXHIBIT No. 8.

Toronto, May 11th, 1916.

Dear Sir:—

I hand you herewith:

Report *re* Ontario Reformatory Investigation—

Letter from James Bain to Provincial Secretary, April 19, 1915.

Letter to James Bain from S. A. Armstrong, May 10th, 1915.

Letter from James Bain to S. A. Armstrong, Feb. 17th, 1915.

Letter to Mr. John Grant from S. A. Armstrong, Jan. 13th, 1915.

Letter to Mr. Armstrong from James Bain, Jan. 4th, 1915.

Letter to James Bain from Mr. Armstrong, Dec. 31st, 1914.

Letter to Mr. Armstrong from James Bain, Dec. 29th, 1914.

Letter to Mr. Armstrong from James Bain, Nov. 20th, 1914.

Letter to J. T. Gilmour from S. A. Armstrong, Dec. 18th, 1914.

Letter to S. A. Armstrong from J. T. Gilmour, Dec 11th, 1914.

Letter to J. T. Gilmour from S. A. Armstrong, Dec. 7th, 1914.

Letter to Mr. John Grant from J. T. Gilmour, Oct. 19th, 1912.

Letter to Mr. Armstrong from J. T. Gilmour, July 2nd, 1914.

Letter to Mr. Armstrong from John Grant, July 6th, 1914.

Letter to Mr. Armstrong from A. E. McLean, July 6th, 1914.

Letter to James Bain from S. A. Armstrong, Nov. 18th, 1914.
Authority to James Bain to investigate, Nov. 17th, 1914.
Letter to W. H. Watt from S. A. Armstrong, May 10th, 1915.
Letter to T. Gilfillan from S. A. Armstrong, May 10th, 1915.
Letter to J. T. Gilmour from S. A. Armstrong, July 4th, 1915.
Letter to J. T. Gilmour from S. A. Armstrong, April 13th, 1915.
Letter to Thomas Barr from S. A. Armstrong, May 10th, 1915.
Letter to J. T. Gilmour from S. A. Armstrong, Nov. 18th, 1915.
Letter to John Grant from S. A. Armstrong, August 12th, 1915.
Letter to Hon. W. J. Hanna from W. E. Raney, April 10th, 1916.
Letter to W. E. Raney from W. J. Hanna, April 4th, 1916.
Letter to W. J. Hanna from W. E. Raney, March 28th, 1916.
Letter to W. J. Hanna from W. E. Raney, March 10th, 1916.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,
Assistant Provincial Secretary.

Napier Robinson, Esq.,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

PRIVATE.

Toronto, December 18th, 1914.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th instant with reference to the labour situation at Guelph.

I quite appreciate the fact that the men sent to Guelph are not too anxious to work, nevertheless, when they were in charge of Reid and McGuire better results were obtained than under the administration of Sergeant Grant. I note the explanation given as to Grant discussing the advisability of sending men out in the fog with Mr. Kuhlman, but I did not understand that Mr. Kuhlman advised Grant to not send the men out.

This is one of the many instances where Grant has endeavoured to shirk responsibility and he studiously avoids the same whenever the opportunity presents itself.

I believe that on the morning in question Grant wished Mr. Kuhlman to assume the responsibility of saying whether the men should go out or not, and the latter quite properly refused to take that responsibility. The small gangs which you state were sent out to the work were only sent out after Mr. Kuhlman had directed Grant's attention to the fact that the work was there to be done and that some of the men had to go out.

On this particular morning Guards Pyle and Vincent remained in with the men and only turned out to work when Mr. Kuhlman sent for them.

There may be some strong reason why the change that I suggest in the administration should not be made, but I do not know of any and it would be a matter of regret to me to think that Sergeant Grant was an indispensable employee.

I would be very glad of the opportunity to discuss the situation with you at any time.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

J. T. Gilmour, Esq., M.D.,
Superintendent, Ontario Reformatory,
Strachan Ave.,
Toronto.

PRIVATE.

11th December, 1914.

Dear Sir:—

Your favor of the 7th, *re* conditions at Guelph, reached me on the 9th, and its contents have given me no small amount of thought and anxiety. On different occasions the fact has been impressed upon me that you do not always appreciate the fact that the men we have to deal with are sent here on account of their unwillingness rather than their willingness, and their inability rather than their ability to work. I am quite as anxious as anyone can be to get the best industrial results possible, but I realize the fact that where the work is diverse and the prisoners cannot be given a task, it is in many instances impossible to get the same results from prison labour as are obtained from free labour. The change that you hint at at Guelph would in my opinion be most undesirable. There are strong reasons why this would be undesirable that I shall be glad to discuss with you, but which I do not care to type.

Regarding Mr. Grant's course during the dense fog, I think Mr. Grant did the right thing. Mr. Grant discussed the matter with Mr. Kuhlman in the morning and Mr. Kuhlman advised Mr. Grant to not send the men out. I have told both Mr. Grant and Mr. Yourex that safety comes first. On the day referred to, the fog was so dense that you could not see a man one hundred feet away, and had three hundred men been turned out that day the chances are we would have lost a considerable number and this would be a serious blow to the institution and the work. Only those who carry the continuous anxiety and responsibility of keeping a large number of men under these conditions are in a position to judge as what is best at critical moments, and I think they should be sustained even though we might differ from them when we have to form our opinion at a distance. Two or three small gangs were sent out where the work was circumscribed and the guards were close to the men.

I have impressed upon Mr. Grant the desirability of sending prisoners back here when reported for laziness, and under no circumstances to give them an easier job or hand them over to another guard. I think I can say there will be no more of this procedure.

Yours truly,

J. T. GILMOUR,

Superintendent.

Mr. S. A. Armstrong,
Assistant Provincial Secretary,
Parliament House,
Toronto, Ont.

PRIVATE.

Toronto, December 7th, 1914.

Sir,

When at Guelph the other day I was forced to draw Sergeant Grant's attention to the indifference displayed by the prisoners in the matter of work. For some time back I have been impressed with the number of prisoners loafing on the job and constantly directed the Superintendent's attention to the same. On my last visit this condition was more pronounced than at any time heretofore.

Where grading was being done for the C.P.R. siding there were two guards in charge of two gangs of men, but both gangs were working together and notwithstanding the presence of these guards the prisoners worked in a most leisurely manner and did not get through anything like a reasonable amount of work. When the attention of the guards was called to this they stated that with the class of men they were receiving it was impossible for them to get better results. In the main building the prisoners lounged around the corridors, and to a stranger their appearance would not have reflected much credit on the disciplinary staff.

On Wednesday morning no prisoners were taken out owing to the fog, and the same condition existed on Tuesday up to 10.15 a.m. This meant that we lost something like 1,750 man hours through their failure to be turned out. Grant endeavoured to evade responsibility and placed the same on the Superintendent, but he knows full well that on either wet or foggy days any amount of inside work is available for the men, and it is outrageous for him to hold these men in with the large number of guards he has to take care of them in getting from the trade shop to their work.

Grant offered as an excuse for the men not working that he had done all he could and that the men were not of the right standard, that it would not look well for him to return many men to Toronto. I directed his attention to the fact that it was not a matter of how it looked, but rather how the work looked with the number of loafers he was permitting around the place. The

truth of the matter is whatever nerve Grant had in the early days appears to have left him, and he is now in the state where we would be better to discontinue his services at once and continue with the staff we already have. During his absence, when his work was handled by Read and McGuire, we had better results from the prisoners than at any time in Grant's administration. Of course McGuire was the controlling spirit as Read did not know anything about the methods adopted. Grant, through his inaction, has permitted the feeling to get abroad that there is not much use to discipline a man as the prisoner that kicks the hardest will be given the easiest job by Grant. This is a repetition of Whitby, and indicates clearly how simple it is for the work to become disorganized in having a weak man in charge of the disciplinary staff.

Grant, of course, denies this, but as I have had ample evidence of his lack of veracity in other instances, I have no confidence in any statement that he may make in his own behalf now. I think you will agree with me that the Department has treated Grant with great generosity, and I think, so far as I am personally concerned, you will also agree that I have submitted to conditions there with far more patience than I have elsewhere. I feel now, however, that the limit has been reached, and, as I told Grant the other day, if he was not able to put the requisite amount of ginger into his guards and into his men, another Sergeant would take his place at once.

I would be glad to have your views on this matter, as, particularly at this time of the year, with the cold weather setting in and the difficulty of keeping prisoners at the work, it becomes imperative that a very strong man should be in charge.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

J. T. Gilmour, Esq., M.D.,
Superintendent, Ontario Reformatory,
Strachan Ave.,
Toronto.

Toronto, May 10th, 1915.

Dear Mr. Bain:—

I have delayed replying to your letter of the 19th ultimo in which you enclose your report on the Ontario Reformatory investigation. After careful consideration of the facts and the findings contained in your report, the reinstatement of the guards in question has been approved.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

James W. Bain, Esq., K.C.,
Messrs. Bain, Bicknell, Macdonell & Gordon,
Lumsden Building,
Toronto.

Lumsden Building,
Toronto, Canada, February 17th, 1915.

S. A. Armstrong, Esq.,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:—

Re Guelph Prison Investigation.

Would you kindly let me know at what time on Friday or Saturday I could see you with reference to this matter. I hope you have recovered by now.

Yours very truly,

JAMES BAIN.

Toronto, January 13th, 1915.

Dear Sir:—

You will kindly go to the office of Messrs. Bicknell, Bain, Macdonell & Strathy, barristers, Lumsden Building, Toronto, at five-thirty this afternoon. Enquire for Mr. James Bain, and if he is not in wait until he comes.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,
Assistant Provincial Secretary.

Mr. John Grant,
188 Duchess Street,
Toronto.

Lumsden Building,
Toronto, Canada, January 4th, 1915.

S. Armstrong, Esq.,
Assistant Provincial Treasurer,
Parliament Bldgs.,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:—

Re Guelph Investigation.

I have arranged to go to Guelph in connection with this matter on the 6th instant.

Yours truly,

JAMES BAIN.

Toronto, December 31st, 1914.

Dear Mr. Bain:—

Re Investigation, Guelph Farm.

I have your letter of the 29th instant, and shall be glad if you can arrange to go to Guelph on the 6th of January next.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG.

James Bain, Esq., K.C.,
c-o Messrs. Bicknell, Bain, Macdonell & Gordon
Barristers, &c.,
Toronto.

Lumsden Building

Toronto, Canada, December 29th, 1914.

S. Armstrong, Esq.,
Assistant Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:—

Re Guelph Farm.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 28th instant. If it meets with your approval I should like to go to Guelph either the 5th or 6th of January. Owing to the death of my partner I have been terribly rushed lately, hence my seeming neglect.

Yours truly,

JAMES BAIN.

Lumsden Building,
Toronto, Canada, November 20th, 1914.

S. Armstrong, Esq.,
Assistant Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Buildings,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:—

Re Guelph Prison.

I am in receipt of your favor of the 18th instant, enclosing formal appointment of the Provincial Secretary authorizing me to perform the duties of an inspector under the Prisons and Public Charities Inspection Act, being

R.S.O. Cap. 301. I also received further correspondence in connection with this matter. I will probably want to see you within the course of the next two or three days and will telephone and make an appointment with you.

Yours truly,

JAMES BAIN.

Lumsden Building,

Toronto, Canada, April 19th, 1915.

The Honorable,

The Provincial Secretary,

Parliament Buildings,

Toronto.

Sir:—

Re Ontario Reformatory Investigation.

I have the honor to report that pursuant to your instructions I attended at Guelph on the 13th day of January, 1915, and on the 12th day of April, 1915, and examined Alfred McGuire, assistant sergeant, Albert Edward McLean, accountant, Norton Kuhlman and J. A. Hamilton. I also examined in Toronto, Sergeant John A. Grant, William H. Watt, Thomas Barr, John Taylor Gilmour and Henry Chadwick Scholfield.

The irregularities alleged were that William H. Watt, Thomas Barr, A. Balfour and one Tweedley, being guards at the Reformatory at Guelph, did improperly register under The Manhood Suffrage Registration Act, R.S.O. 1914, Chapter 7, for the purpose of being placed on the voters' list for the city of Guelph. They did this just prior to the last general elections held in June, 1914. Guard Tweedley has gone to England and it was impossible to examine him.

As a result of the above-named guards registering they were suspended by Warden Gilmour. Thomas Gilfillan was also a guard at the prison, and it was alleged that these men registered through his instrumentality, and for this reason he was also suspended.

Guard William H. Watt frankly admits that he did register. He states that he did so at the instance of one James Mackay, who informed him that he had a vote, but in order to acquire this right he would have to register, and for this purpose he went to Guelph, registering at the Queen's Hotel there, and then went to one of the booths and was duly registered. He swears that he did not know that he was doing anything wrong and was under the impression that the information which he received from Mackay was all right. He subsequently learned that he should not have registered and he took good care not to vote at the election. In fact he did not go to Guelph at all that day. He was not warned by Warden Gilmour or Sergeant Grant or anyone else in authority at the Reformatory that he was not to register or vote. It was only after he had registered and after the appearance of an article in the *Star* newspaper of Toronto that Sergeant Grant came to him and asked him if he had

registered and told him that he should not have done so. This latter evidence is corroborated by Sergeant Grant.

Thomas Barr also admitted quite frankly that he did register. He was told that a man who had been twelve months in the Dominion and three months in the riding had the right to vote, and he was therefore qualified to register and be placed on the voters' list. He states that he was never warned by Sergeant Grant or Warden Gilmour that it was improper for him to register or take part in the election, and it was only after he had registered that he was informed he had done wrong, and he did not vote or take any part in the election.

Thomas Gilfillan swore that he was never notified that the guards were not to register or vote or take part in the election and that he was suspended by Sergeant Grant on orders from Warden Gilmour. He admits that he did ask some people to register and that he was taking an interest in the election but did no active work. He had the right to vote and exercised his franchise. It appears that he lives in Guelph, owns property there and is entitled to vote. He asked some of the guards, namely, Barr, Watt, Balfour and Tweedley to register and that was all that he did and he thought when he asked them to register that they were entitled to vote. He swears he was not aware that in asking these men to register he was doing anything wrong.

These three men bear good reputations, and according to Warden Gilmour and Sergeant Grant and Accountant McLean, were excellent guards in every respect, as in fact are the other two men, Balfour and Tweedley.

The Accountant McLean states that he learned that some of the men intended to register, and he at once communicated this fact to Mr. S. A. Armstrong, the Assistant Provincial Secretary, and Mr. Armstrong immediately gave him orders to the effect that he was to tell Sergeant Grant that none of the guards were to be allowed to register. These orders were communicated immediately to Sergeant Grant as is admitted by Grant. This is all that McLean knows. He did not think it was, nor was it, his duty to inform or give any orders to the guards, he supposing that Sergeant Grant would attend to this.

Sergeant Grant admitted receiving the orders from Accountant McLean, and states that he at once took steps to notify the guards. He is somewhat uncertain as to the guards, but did, he recollects, give orders to Watt, Barr, Baxter, Balfour and Draper. He did not call the guards together and warn them, as I think he should have.

It appears that Watt, Balfour, Barr and Tweedley had registered before they received orders from Grant, although Grant says that as soon as he received instructions from McLean he at once went to the men. There are about thirty day guards who are in charge of Sergeant Grant, and eleven night guards who are in charge of Assistant Sergeant McGuire. None of the night guards were warned by either Grant or McGuire. McGuire in fact swears that he did not receive any orders from Sergeant Grant, but he admits that he was told by Sergeant Grant that word had come from Mr. S. A. Armstrong that the guards were not to register in order to vote. This was during the time the

registration was on, and it might well be that these men had voted before Sergeant Grant received his orders. Sergeant Grant, it seems to me, should have been able to fix the day when he received these orders, but neither he nor Mr. McLean seem able to do this. Sergeant McGuire gave orders to his men that they were not to register and these orders apparently were obeyed. Upon learning that Watt, Barr, Balfour and Tweedley had registered, Sergeant Grant did nothing further, but informed them that they had been very foolish, and it was not until the article appeared in the *Star* newspaper that Warden Gilmour took the matter up, with the result that these men, together with Gilfillan, were suspended.

I think that Sergeant Grant should have at once reported the occurrence either to Warden Gilmour or to Mr. Armstrong, the Assistant Provincial Secretary.

I might add that according to the evidence of Sergeant Grant, guards Balfour and Tweedley also admitted that they had registered but had not voted, and they state it was mainly through ignorance and were sorry they had done so, but thought that they had the right to register and vote.

I therefore find as follows:

1. That Guards William H. Watt, Thomas Barr, Balfour and Tweedley did register in the city of Guelph, and that they were not qualified to register as voters.

2. I accept their statements that they had no intention of doing wrong, and they thought that they had the right to register.

3. I find that none of these men voted at the election.

4. I find that none of these guards were warned by Warden Gilmour or Sergeant Grant that they were not to register prior to their registering.

5. I find that Accountant McLean at once transmitted the orders he received from the Assistant Provincial Secretary, Mr. S. A. Armstrong, and that he transmitted these orders to Sergeant Grant, and having done this he did all that was required of him.

6. I find that Sergeant Grant received Mr. Armstrong's instructions and interviewed the guards he names, namely, Messrs. Watt, Balfour, Barr, Tweedley, Draper and Baxter. I find, however, that Sergeant Grant, having learned that these men had registered, was culpable in not reporting the matter to his superior officers, either Mr. S. A. Armstrong or Warden Gilmour.

7. I find that Thomas Gilfillan did request these men to register, but that he did so thinking that they had the right to do so, and without any intention whatever of doing wrong.

8. I find that Guards Gilfillan, Watt, Barr, Balfour and Tweedley gave every satisfaction while acting in their capacity as guards, that they performed their duties satisfactorily, and that they were sober and industrious.

I would therefore respectfully and strongly recommend that these guards be at once reinstated.

Whilst examining Dr. Gilmour, he made a statement which seemed to me should be cleaned up. The statement was to the effect that the first which he heard of this registration was when he was informed by the accountant that

Mr. Scholfield, Ex-M.P.P., had come to the accountant's office, producing a list of eighteen guards, and requesting that these guards be sent to Guelph to register at a hotel and then register themselves as voters in the city of Guelph, and that Sergeant Grant also told him that Mr. Scholfield, in company with James Hamilton, farm superintendent at the Reformatory, had come to him with the same request.

I thereupon examined Mr. Scholfield, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. McLean, the accountant, on this particular point.

Mr. Scholfield's evidence is very clear and whilst he quite frankly admitted that he was at the prison about two or three weeks before the election, he went there for the purpose of seeing one of the guards by the name of Robertson who was entitled to vote. He swears that he did not at any time talk to Sergeant Grant with reference to any of the guards registering, nor did he discuss the matter of registration with him at all. He also swears that he never went to Mr. McLean with a list of eighteen guards, requesting that they should be allowed to register. He further swears that Mr. Hamilton was not with him when he went to see Mr. Robertson, nor did he have any interview or discussion whatsoever during the month of June with Mr. Hamilton.

This evidence is entirely corroborated by Mr. Hamilton. He says that he saw Mr. Scholfield at the Farm some time during the month of June, and that he merely spoke to him as they passed.

Accountant McLean is not at all clear on what took place. His recollection is that Mr. Scholfield and Mr. McPherson did come to his office, but that the purpose for which they were there was to know what guards were eligible to vote and that he simply referred them to Sergeant Grant. He is quite positive that Mr. Hamilton was not with either Mr. Scholfield or Mr. McPherson.

Without hesitation I accept Mr. Scholfield's evidence, and I find as a fact that he did not go to the Reformatory with a list of eighteen guards and for the purpose of having these men register in order to vote, but that he went there simply for the purpose, as he says, of interviewing Guard Robertson.

I was unable to satisfy myself from any of the officials that any of them were responsible for the article which appeared in the *Star*. Sergeant Grant and Accountant McLean both admitted that the reporter called upon them, but according to their evidence, and I accept it, they did not in any way give him any information. As a matter of fact they state that all the reporter desired of them was permission to interview some of the guards who had registered, and that this permission was refused. I think, however, that Sergeant Grant should have made a report to the effect that the reporter was at the Prison.

All of which I have the honour to submit.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES BAIN.

Central Prison,
Toronto, 19th October, 1912.

Dear Mr. Grant:—

I am not at all certain that the proper course was pursued with prisoner William White who escaped from the Prison Farm yesterday. The fact that White was an electrician was not sufficient to place him under Mr. Hammond, after the explicit warning you had that he would escape if he got an opportunity. You know perfectly well, from years of experience, that, it is quite impossible for Mr. Hammond to do guard duty when his work calls him to all parts of the Institution at any hour of the day. The fact that you are not sure of the hour that White escaped, and that you have no idea of the course he took, simply proves that there was no supervision over him. Last Wednesday morning, as the prisoners were taking the train, I particularly instructed Mr. Gardiner to advise you regarding White, but it seems to have been of no avail.

There may be some circumstances attending the placing of White that I am not aware of, and which may make it look more favorable for your procedure in the matter, and I hope there are, for as I see it at present you were blameable and have not used ordinary good judgment nor paid attention to the warning given you.

Unless you can offer an explanation which places your course of action in a more favorable light, I am quite disposed to consider the re-organization of the staff at Guelph.

Yours very truly,

WARDEN.

Mr. John A. Grant,
Sergeant Central Prison Farm,
Guelph, Ontario.

Reformatory,
Toronto, 2nd July, 1914.

Dear Sir:—

While in Guelph to-day I questioned Guards Balfour, Watt, and Barr regarding their having registered as voters in the city of Guelph. They each frankly admitted that they registered as voters, but stated that they would not have done so except for the urgent and repeated solicitations of Guard Gilfillan. I have suspended Guards Balfour, Watt, and Barr, and recommend their immediate retirement from the staff.

Gilfillan has long been a resident of this locality familiar with municipal boundaries, and a political organizer of some experience. Gilfillan is entirely to blame for this miserable affair, which necessitates the retirement of three of our very best officers. Gilfillan's conduct is most reprehensible, and I strongly recommend his immediate retirement from the staff.

I have considerable sympathy for Balfour, Watt and Barr, particularly for Barr as he is young and inexperienced, and I do not think realized the

seriousness of what he did, but the usefulness of these three officers is entirely destroyed as the prisoners are becoming familiar with the episode referred to.

Awaiting a reply at your early convenience, believe me,

Yours very truly,
J. T. GILMOUR,
Superintendent.

Mr. S. A. Armstrong,
Assistant Provincial Secretary,
Parliament House, Toronto.

CENTRAL PRISON FARM,

Guelph, Ont., July 6th, 1914

Dear Sir:—

Re the recent registering of guards for voting purposes would say that I was told by Mr. McLean that you stated, that no guard (at this Institution who had not registered and who could not then legally register) was to register his name on the voters' list.

After receiving the above message I went and interviewed the guards who I had heard were going to register and explained to them the error of what they were going to do and to my knowledge none of the guards who I interviewed did register, and those who did register were those who had done so previous to the instructions sent up here by you.

If your message had not come when it did there is no doubt but that several more would have registered as they, previous to your message, thought it was all right to do so.

Yours very truly,
J. A. GRANT,
Sergeant.

Mr. S. A. Armstrong,
Assistant Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ont.

CENTRAL PRISON FARM,

Guelph, Ont., July 6th, 1914.

Dear Sir:—

Mr. Kuhlman has asked me if I delivered your message to Mr. Grant *re* the registering of some of the guards here at the recent election, and in reply would say that I did deliver same and within five minutes after you gave it to me on the phone. It was delivered word for word as you gave it to me as I

took it down on my desk pad in shorthand and immediately after speaking to you I went across to the old dormitory for lunch and met Mr. Grant on the way and told him exactly what you said.

Yours truly,
A. E. McLEAN,
Accountant.

Mr. S. A. Armstrong,
Assistant Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ont.

Toronto, November 18th, 1914.

Dear Mr. Bain:—

I am enclosing you herewith formal appointment by the Minister authorizing you to perform the duties of an Inspector under the Act, in connection with certain alleged irregularities committed by Watt *et al.*

I am also enclosing you copies of further correspondence for your information.

Should you desire to go into this matter further with me and will advise me of a date convenient to you, I will endeavor to be on hand.

Yours faithfully,

James Bain, Esq., K.C.,
c-o Bicknell, Bain & Co.,
Barristers, &c., Toronto.

S. A. ARMSTRONG.

Pursuant to "The Prisons and Public Charities Inspection Act," Section 20, I hereby authorize James Bain, Esquire, K.C., to perform without the intervention of an Inspector the duties of an Inspector as set out in Section 9 of the said Act in connection with certain alleged irregularities, committed by W. H. Watt, Thomas Barr, Thomas Gilfillan, A. Balfour and others, employees in the Public Institutions Branch of the Department of the undersigned, and I direct that in the performance of the duties above set out the said James Bain may exercise the like powers and authorities as are performed under the said Act by the Inspector.

And I further direct that at the conclusion of the enquiry the said James Bain reports forthwith to me upon all the facts found by him upon the said enquiry, together with such recommendations in respect thereof as he may deem advisable.

W. J. HANNA,
Provincial Secretary.

Dated at Toronto,
this 17th day of November, A.D. 1914.

Toronto, May 10th, 1913.

Sir:—

With further reference to your application for reinstatement as Guard at the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, I beg to advise you that, after careful consideration of all the facts, it has been decided to grant your request. Application for such reinstatement should be made by you at once to the Superintendent, Dr. J. T. Gilmour.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

W. H. Watt, Esq.,

223 Humberside Ave., Toronto.

Toronto, May 10th, 1915.

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Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

Thomas Gilfillan, Esq.,

R. R. No. 2, Guelph, Ont.

Toronto, July 4th, 1914.

Dear Sir:—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and note contents.

While Gilfillan may have been to blame to some extent for the action taken by Guards Balfour, Watt and Barr, the latter were quite capable of thinking for themselves, and should not seek to shield themselves behind Gilfillan. In the meantime, pending an opportunity to further investigate matters.

you will suspend Gilfillan without pay until further advised by the Department.

As to the disposition to be made of the other cases, I will advise you later.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

J. T. Gilmour, Esq., M.D.,
Supt., Ontario Reformatory,
Strachan Avenue, Toronto.

Toronto, April 13th, 1915.

Dear Sir:—

After careful consideration it has been decided that it will be in the best interests of the discipline and government of the prisoners at the Farm and the Service generally to discontinue forthwith the services of John Grant as sergeant, and you will therefore instruct him to return to the Toronto Institution for duty.

You will detail Guard McGuire to fill Grant's position at the same salary as the latter has received, the arrangement as to salary to take effect as from this date.

Guard D. A. Carruthers is to be appointed assistant to McGuire, and Guard Robinson will continue as Chief Night Officer.

As the transfer of the prison will begin to be effected next week, acting Sergeant J. B. Reid is to be transferred at once to Guelph as acting deputy superintendent.

Sergeant Grant for the present will be permitted to fill Reid's place at a salary of \$850.00 *per annum*. Whether his services will be continued when the complete transfer is effected I am unable to say at present.

As Hammond will be appointed chief engineer at Guelph the services of Engineer Mason will have to be discontinued upon the transfer being completed.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

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Strachan Avenue, Toronto.

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Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

Thomas Barr, Esq.,
223 Humberside Ave., Toronto.

Toronto, November 18th, 1915.

Dear Sir:—

I am returning you herewith cheque in favour of John Grant for \$100.00 covering two months salary of \$50 *per* month.

On August 12th we advised Grant that owing to the final transfer of the prisoners to Guelph having been completed his services were discontinued. It was also stated that should he desire to make application for a position as guard he was at liberty to do so but no assurance was given him that such application would receive early consideration. At your request Grant was kept on temporarily. I do not see that we are entitled to pay him more than \$50 *per* month, the same as we would pay for an ordinary guard. Otherwise would mean placing a premium on incompetency. As stated to you before I feel very strongly on this subject as we never got out of Grant the services he was expected to give.

I do not feel that it is fair to the other men whose loyal services are unquestioned that Grant should receive a higher salary than they do.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

J. T. Gilmour, Esq., M.D.,
Supt., Ontario Reformatory,
Guelph, Ont.

Toronto, August 12th, 1915.

Dear Sir:—

I beg to advise you that owing to the final transfer of prisoners to Guelph having been completed, your services in your present capacity are discontinued.

Having regard to your long service, should you desire to make application for a position as guard at either Guelph, Mimico or Whitby, you are at liberty

to do so, but I can give you no assurance that such application will receive immediate consideration.

You are no doubt aware that the offices at Guelph similar to those now held by you at Toronto have been filled by men who have borne the brunt of the hard work during the construction stage of the Guelph Farm, and it would be impossible to consider for one moment the displacement of these men.

Should you decide to finally sever your connection with the service, your application for a gratuity will receive careful consideration.

Yours truly,

S. A. ARMSTRONG,

Assistant Provincial Secretary.

John Grant, Esq.,

Central Prison, Toronto.

Toronto, April 10th, 1916.

Hon. W. J. Hanna,

Provincial Secretary,

Parliament Bldgs., Toronto.

Re John Grant.

Dear Sir:—

Answering your letter of the 4th inst., I venture to suggest that you have overlooked the fact that the position held by Mr. Grant was not apparently within the contemplation of the Order in Council of May 2nd, 1881. My instructions are that when Mr. Grant was sent to Guelph, he went there in the capacity of Superintendent, and that he remained in that position, under the Warden, until relieved in April of last year.

I should be glad if you will consider the matter from this point of view.

Yours sincerely,

W. E. RANEY.

Toronto, 4th April, 1916.

Dear Sir:—

I have before me your two favours of recent date with regard to the application of one John Grant, lately employed at the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, and who I note is now in the employ of the Manitoba Government at Winnipeg, for a gratuity. An Order in Council passed on the 2nd May, 1881 provides, "That the rule be established that no gratuity shall be granted on their resignation or retirement to any of the following officials who have not now been for more than one year employed in the Public Institutions of the Province, viz., attendants, guards, engineers, gardeners, farmers and such like," and pro-

vides also that future employees must not expect any gratuity on retirement from the service.

In view of the fact that Mr. Grant's first appointment as guard in the Service dates from 1895, it is obvious that no claim for gratuity exists in his case.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Raney, Esq., K.C.,
806-9 Traders Bank Building.
Toronto.

Hon. W. J. Hanna,
Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Bldgs., Toronto.

Toronto, March 28th, 1916.

Dear Sir:—

I wrote you at length on the 10th inst., in the matter of the application of Mr. John Grant, lately sergeant at the Reformatory at Guelph, for a gratuity. Since then, Mr. Grant has gone to Winnipeg to accept a position under the Manitoba government. Will you be good enough to give the matter of the letter your consideration, which I trust, will be favorable, and to advise me of the result.

Very sincerely yours,
W. E. RANEY.

Hon. W. J. Hanna,
Provincial Secretary,
Parliament Bldgs., Toronto.

Toronto, March 10th, 1916.

Dear Sir:—

I write you on behalf of John Grant, lately Sergeant at the Ontario Reformatory. Mr. Grant was relieved of the position in April, 1915. At that time he was being paid \$1,000 a year with board and uniform. He was given some outside work for a few months, his salary being reduced to \$850. Then his salary was further reduced to \$600 a year, and in January of this year finding his position more and more unsatisfactory and uncomfortable he resigned from the service.

Mr. Grant was first appointed to the Central Prison staff as a guard in May, 1895. In 1910 he was sent to Guelph. He was promoted to be a Sergeant in 1912 and acted as Chief Officer there under the Warden until relieved as above stated, in April of last year.

After receiving notice from Mr. Armstrong, the Deputy Minister, through the Warden, in April, 1915, that he had been relieved of his duties as Sergeant, Mr. Grant wrote to Mr. Armstrong enquiring the reason and asking for a

chance to defend himself. Receiving no answer he called upon Mr. Armstrong, when Mr. Armstrong intimated to him that he had lost his position because of matters connected with the Provincial Election of 1914. On the 12th of August, 1915, Mr. Armstrong wrote to Mr. Grant in the following terms:—

“I beg to advise you that owing to the final transfer of prisoners to Guelph having been completed, your services in your present capacity are discontinued.

“Having regard to your long service, should you desire to make application for a position as Guard at either Guelph, Mimico or Whitby, you are liberty to do so, but I can give you no assurance that such application will receive immediate consideration.

“You are no doubt aware that the offices at Guelph similar to those now held by you at Toronto have been filled by men who have borne the brunt of the hard work during the construction stage of the Guelph Farm, and it would be impossible to consider for one moment the displacement of these men.

“Should you decide to finally sever your connection with the Service, your application for a gratuity will receive careful consideration.”

In as much as Mr. Grant had been one of the men who had borne the brunt of the hard work during the construction stage of the Guelph Farm (only one other officer at Guelph having served as long there as he), the reason for Mr. Armstrong's action, implied in the third paragraph of his letter, did not seem to Mr. Grant very convincing.

I wish to preface what I am now about to say by the statement that so far as my information goes you have had no personal connection with the matters leading up to and connected with the injustice which I think has been done to Mr. Grant, and that if you have acted at all you have acted on misinformation.

Shortly before the election, Mr. Scholfield, then member for Guelph, came to the Farm, and said to Mr. Grant that there were guards at the prison who had no votes and that he would like them to go to Guelph and register. He said they would have to go to a hotel at Guelph and register at the hotel. Mr. Grant replied that there were guards at the Farm, but that he did not know anything about what they had to do, and he did nothing in consequence of what Mr. Scholfield said to him. He, of course, knew that anything of the kind suggested by Mr. Scholfield would be improper and that the men would have to perjure themselves if they were to be put on the Voters' List.

The next Mr. Grant knew about the matter was when a message came from Mr. Armstrong to stop all guards from registering. Mr. Grant immediately spoke to the men. He learned that four of them, William Watt, Thomas Barr, Alexander Balfour and a guard named Tweedly had already registered under “The Ontario Franchise Act.” They all said that a guard named Gilfillan was the man who had asked them to do what they did. Some of them admitted that they had made a mistake in what they had done.

Mr. Grant reported the facts to the Warden. After the election, Gilfillan and the other four men were dismissed from the Service. After their dismissal Mr. James Bain, K.C., made an investigation and Mr. Grant made a

statement to him of his knowledge of the events above referred to. Then came Mr. Grant's dismissal from his position, and a little later Gilfillan, Watt and Barr were restored to the service. Tweedley and Balfour, Mr. Grant understands, had in the meantime left the country.

Mr. Grant is satisfied now, as he always has been, that his dismissal was brought about by pressure exercised by the men whose ill will he had incurred by reason of his refusal to assist Mr. Scholfield. He is satisfied that they blamed him for the publicity which the matter received and that both his dismissal and the restoration of the guards who were implicated in the matter were a consequence of pressure from without. He desires to say now, through me, as he has already said to Mr. Armstrong, that he did nothing in the matter except what was strictly in the line of his duty, and for doing this he finds himself after twenty years of service degraded and practically dismissed from the service.

If you will look into the matter you will, I am satisfied, discover that Mr. Armstrong had no real complaint against Mr. Grant. Mr. Armstrong concluded his letter to Mr. Grant of the 12th of August with the intimation that should Mr. Grant decide to finally sever his connection with the service, his application for a gratuity "will receive careful consideration."

Mr. Grant concedes that he would have no standing to make an application for a gratuity if his dismissal was for good cause. His request now is that you will investigate the facts and, if you find that Mr. Armstrong's action was not justified, that you will grant the gratuity.

With apologies for the length of this communication, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
W E. RANEY.

Re ONTARIO REFORMATORY INVESTIGATION.

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IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUIRY in connection with certain alleged irregularities committed by W. H. Watt, Thomas Barr, Thomas Gilfillan, A. Balfour, and others, employees in the Public Institutions Branch of the Department of the Honourable The Provincial Secretary.

The following is a transcript of the evidence taken at said enquiry before James Bain, Esq., K.C. (appointed to perform the duties of an Inspector, pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Prisons and Public Charities Inspection Act), held at the Ontario Reformatory in the County of Wellington, and at the office of the said Inspector in the City of Toronto, Wednesday, the 13th day of January, 1915.

(John Buskard sworn as stenographer).

ALFRED McGUIRE, Sworn. Examined by Mr. Bain.

Q.—What is your position here, Mr. McGuire?

A.—Assistant Sergeant.

Q.—In what Institution?

A.—The Ontario Reformatory.

Q.—At Guelph?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—Who is in charge here?

A.—Sergeant Grant.

Q.—Are you the next in rank to him?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—So that when he is away you take his place, do you?

A.—Mostly, at times.

Q.—You say mostly?

A.—I took his place until the second last time he was away.

Q.—But you are in charge when he is away?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Unless somebody is sent up from Toronto by the Warden, is that it?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—Do you know W. H. Watt, and was he connected with this Institution?

A.—Yes.

Q.—As what?

A.—He was here as a guard.

Q.—How long had he been here, while you were here?

A.—He has been here over two years, I think.

Q.—How long have you been here?

A.—I have been up here three or four years.

Q.—Do you know Thomas Barr?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was he employed here too?

A.—He was employed here as a guard.

Q.—How long had he been here?

A.—He was here for about eighteen months, I guess.

Q.—Do you know Thomas Gilfillan?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Employed here as a guard?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How long have you known him?

A.—Over two years I guess, or about two years.

Q.—Do you know A. Balfour?

A.—Yes.

Q.—He has been employed here as a guard too?

A.—Yes.

Q.—For a certain length of time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you remember the last elections which took place for the Province of Ontario?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—The elections, I think, were held on the 29th of June?

A.—Yes.

Q.—There was some discussion as to the guards registering in the City of Guelph in order that they might vote?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Were there any instructions received from the Department of Toronto?

A.—I did not receive any instructions, but Sergeant Grant did.

Q.—Sergeant Grant received instructions, and those instructions were what?

A.—That none of the guards were to register.

Q.—That is, to register at Guelph for the purpose of voting?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—Did Sergeant Grant tell you that?

A.—Yes. He did not tell me to stop the men from voting, but said that word was received from that quarter.

Q.—From whom?

A.—From Mr. Armstrong.

Q.—Did he give you any instructions or any orders with reference to it?

A.—No sir.

Q.—Did he give you any orders to notify the guards not to register?

A.—No sir.

Q.—What did Sergeant Grant tell you, did he tell you anything else besides that?

A.—He just told me that there was word come from Mr. Armstrong to the effect that the guards were not to register in order to vote.

Q.—Can you fix about when that would be, about what date?

A.—I could not give you the exact date, but somewhere about the week of the 20th or 25th of June.

Q.—Was it during the time the registration was on?

A.—Yes sir, it was during the time the registration was on.

Q.—Did you do anything as a result of what Sergeant Grant told you?

A.—I saw several of the night men leaving to go down one morning to register, and I told them not to. I told them, of course, that they could suit themselves.

Q.—You just told them not to register?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—And did they register?

A.—No sir, they did not.

Q.—You are in command of these guards, are you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And they must obey you?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—And you are subordinate or junior to Sergeant Grant?

A.—Yes.

Q.—He has complete charge of the guards, has he?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What are his duties here?

A.—He takes as it were the Warden's place up here.

Q.—The Acting Warden?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—And all the guards and others have to obey him?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Those men did not go to register?

A.—No sir.

Q.—Was anything else done by you in connection with the registering?

A.—No sir, I did not take any further part in it.

Q.—Those were night guards?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Going off duty?

A.—Yes.

Q.—In the morning?

A.—Yes sir, at seven o'clock.

Q.—What time did they go off?

A.—At seven o'clock. But this was about half past eight o'clock, when they were dressed and leaving for town, or all ready to go.

Q.—Did you report that fact to Sergeant Grant, that you told them not to go?

A.—Yes, I told him.

Q.—And did he issue any orders to you as to the day guards?

A.—No, he did not issue any orders to me in regard to any of them voting.

Q.—Were you in charge of the night guards at that time, or how did they work that out here, so many night and so many day guards?

A.—There are eleven night guards, and a man in charge of them.

Q.—Who was in charge of them?

A.—Robinson was the name of the man who was in charge.

Q.—How many of those day guards were there?

A.—At that time there were nearly thirty.

Q.—And who would be in charge of them?

A.—Sergeant Grant. He was in charge of the whole lot, night and day. I was his assistant in the day time, and Mr. Robinson took charge at night.

Q.—You were his assistant in the day time?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—These four men, Watt, Barr, Gilfillan and Balfour, were they in the night guard at that time, or in the day guard?

A.—They were his day guards.

Q.—Did you at any time learn that any of the guards had registered?

A.—I heard those four had registered.

Q.—The four I have just mentioned?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When did you hear that for the first time?

A.—At the time of the *Star* Report, whenever that was.

Q.—There was a *Star* reporter came up here?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—When would that be?

A.—The Saturday before the elections—the Friday or the Saturday before the elections.

Q.—Do you know the name of the reporter?

A.—I do not.

Q.—Was it in the morning or in the afternoon that he came?

A.—In the morning.

Q.—Did he come right to this building?

A.—He came right to the old building.

Q.—The old prison building?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you see him there?

A.—Yes sir. I was there when he came in.

Q.—Into which room did he come.

A.—He came into the office I use.

Q.—Who was there with you?

A.—Sergeant Grant and Mr. Sinclair.

Q.—What took place?

A.—The reporter asked if he could see a guard on the place, and I told him he could.

Q.—He asked if he might interview one of the guards?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Then what took place; did he interview that man?

A.—No sir, he did not. He asked Sergeant Grant for the names of all the guards, and Sergeant Grant asked him what was his authority for asking for the names of the guards, and he told him that there was some little trouble

in town, or some trouble about some of the guards having registered at some of the hotels in Guelph, and that he wanted to find out if that was so, and if they had registered with the intent to vote.

Q.—So as to be residents of Guelph, to enable them to vote?

A.—Yes. Sergeant Grant did not give him the names of the guards, but he asked him if the four guards you mentioned were working here.

Q.—The reporter asked Sergeant Grant if Watt, Barr, Gilfillan and Bal-four were working here?

A.—Yes sir, and he said yes. He asked Sergeant Grant if they were entitled to a room and their board here, and he said yes. He told him that they were entitled to a room and board. The reporter did not have anything more to say then. He said those were the names of the men he was after, and told him what the trouble was.

Q.—Did the reporter mention to Sergeant Grant that these four men had registered in Guelph and had registered as voters?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What did Sergeant Grant say?

A.—He said he didn't know anything about it.

Q.—Did anything else take place?

A.—No, nothing else took place just then. The reporter thanked him, and went away. He told him at first that he was a representative of the *Star* and told him that this thing was going to be settled up.

Q.—Going to be investigated, you mean?

A.—Yes, that the matter was going to be investigated, that the men really had registered in town.

Q.—And then the reporter went away?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you and Sergeant Grant have any conversation about it?

A.—No, we had no conversation just then of any kind.

Q.—Did you report the matter to the Warden?

A.—No sir.

Q.—Was it your place to report it?

A.—No sir.

Q.—Whose place was it to report it?

A.—Sergeant Grant's.

Q.—Did he, to your knowledge, report to the Warden?

A.—Not to my knowledge.

Q.—Should it have been reported to the Warden or to the Provincial Secretary—or do you know?

A.—I guess it should have been reported to the Provincial Secretary, if he had sent word up not to let them.

Q.—And that is all you know about it?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—There is nothing else you can tell me?

A.—No sir.

Q.—You know Watt?

A.—Yes sir, personally.

Q.—What sort of a guard has he been?

A.—A first-class man.

Q.—A sober man?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—Was he industrious and intelligent in attending to his duties?

A.—Yes sir, he was one of the best men we had looking after the gangs outside.

Q.—What about Gilfillan?

A.—A first-class man.

Q.—Was he reliable?

A.—He was.

Q.—Industrious and sober?

A.—Yes, and did his work thoroughly.

Q.—Did you ever see him under the influence of liquor?

A.—No sir.

Q.—Were any complaints made about him to you?

A.—No sir, no complaints have ever been made to me about him.

Q.—What about the other two men, Barr and Balfour—were they good men?

A.—They were first-class men too.

Q.—Steady and reliable and sober?

A.—Yes sir, and well spoken of by everybody about the place, as regards their work.

Q.—So that you can say about the four men, as far as their duties were concerned, that they were sober, industrious and attentive to their work?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—Did you ever have any cause to complain of them, at any time?

A.—No sir.

Q.—That covers all you can tell me about it?

A.—Yes sir, that covers it all.

Q.—If there is anything further I want from you, you will give it to me later on?

A.—Yes sir, certainly.

ALBERT EDGAR McLEAN, Sworn. Examined by Mr. Bain.

Q.—What is your position here, Mr. McLean?

A.—Accountant at the Ontario Reformatory.

Q.—You knew these four men, Watt, Barr, Gilfillan and Balfour?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—What do you say as to their capabilities as guards?

A.—I did not know them very well, as I never came in contact with them. I knew Watt and Balfour fairly well, and they were all right.

Q.—And as far as you know, the whole four were all right?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—You remember the last Ontario Provincial Elections?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you remember that there was a certain amount of talk about some of the guards registering?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When did you first hear about the registering, Mr. McLean?

A.—The recollection I have of it is that Mr. McPherson, Mr. Scholfield's man in town called me up—I am giving this to the best of my knowledge, of course, as it occurred some time ago.

Q.—Did any orders come from the Department, to your knowledge, prohibiting any of the guards from registering?

A.—Yes. Mr. Armstrong over the telephone told me to notify Mr. Grant not to allow those men to go in and register.

Q.—Do you remember when that would be?

A.—The elections were on the 29th of June, were they not?

Q.—Would it be before the registration commenced, or during the registration?

A.—They had the registration the week before. It was over a week before, probably nine or ten days before the 29th. That would be on the 19th probably. It happened in this way: Mr. Gilfillan was working, and I understand that Mr. McPherson was in communication with Mr. Gilfillan—indirectly this gets me to what I want to tell you—he was wanting Gilfillan to get these men in, and they had not gone in, and Mr. McPherson telephoned me that he wanted all these men to be brought in, that they had to be registered.

Q.—Was this before Mr. Armstrong telephoned you?

A.—Yes. He wanted to get them in right away, and told me where he wanted them, at the Commercial or the City Hotel, wanted them to be brought in there, and he said “Will you look after them for me?” And I said “I will see what I can do.” As soon as he rang off I immediately called up Mr. Armstrong and told him that Mr. McPherson wanted these guards in to be registered, and he said to me, “I want you to notify Sergeant Grant at once that those men must not under any consideration go in to be registered.” Mr. Armstrong told me distinctly to tell Sergeant Grant not to allow these men to go in, and they did not go in.

Q.—Did you tell Sergeant Grant that?

A.—Immediately. That was about half past eleven, and as I was going over to dinner I met Sergeant Grant coming across from the dining room of the old building. I met Sergeant Grant coming from the temporary dormitory to the trade shop, and told him what Mr. Armstrong had said, and I put it strictly—I told him that Mr. Armstrong said to tell him decidedly not to allow them to register.

Q.—Who was Sergeant Grant?

A.—The Sergeant in charge over all prisoners and guards.

Q.—It was his place to notify them?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Any orders like that would have to emanate from him?

A.—Yes. What I should have told Mr. McPherson to do was to call up Sergeant Grant, as it was not in my jurisdiction. Of course I knew the thing would not take place. I wanted to speak to Mr. Armstrong anyway, and combined the two.

Q.—What did Sergeant Grant say?

A.—He said “I will immediately tell them, but I don’t think any of them went in, but I will immediately go and tell them.”

Q.—Did he say anything that would lead you to think that they were to go in?

A.—No, he said none of those men did go in and register. I said I did not know anything about it, but that Mr. Armstrong wanted him to be sure that they did not go in, and he says “All right, I will tell them,” and the next day at noon, I think it was, I asked him if he had instructed the guards, and he said he had.

Q.—What is the usual course, a written order signed by him?

A.—About what?

Q.—When he gives instructions to the guards?

A.—No, he would see them personally. They were night guards. He would not see them until he let the prisoners out at noon. They sleep all forenoon, and get up about half past one or two o’clock, and he would go directly to them and say that he did not want them to go in. I understood Sergeant Grant to say afterwards that he had spoken to the men and that they said they hadn’t any intention of going in.

Q.—And did they go in and register?

A.—I don’t know.

Q.—You know nothing further about it?

A.—No, that is all I know about it.

Q.—Have you known Watt for some time?

A.—I never came in contact with these men, because they were night guards. The day guards, I am in touch with them all.

Q.—Do you know Gilfillan?

A.—Yes. He was a day guard in charge of the teams.

Q.—Have you known him for some time?

A.—I have known him for some years, ever since I have been here, and I have been here ever since it started.

Q.—Is he a trustworthy man?

A.—He always was on his job, and always was willing to oblige anybody. Many a time I have wanted some little thing brought back from the old office to this office, and I could go to Tom quicker than anybody else, and get it done. There was never any question about why I wanted it, or that he would do it to-morrow; he would do it right away, and was always very pleasant about it.

Q.—And as far as you know, he gave satisfaction?

A.—Indeed he did.

Q.—That is all you can tell me about it?

A.—That is all.

NORTON KUHLMAN, SWORN. Examined by Mr. Bain.

Q.—I am here, Mr. Kuhlman, by authority of the Provincial Secretary, investigating into certain alleged irregularities committed by Watt, Barr, Gillfillan and Balfour, in connection with the last Ontario Provincial Elections. Do you understand that?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You know those four guards?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—What is your position here?

A.—General superintendent.

Q.—What are your duties as such?

A.—My duties are, to look after everything around here. Those four men in particular were under my charge; they were working for me on the construction.

Q.—And you remember the time of the last election, the 29th of June?

A.—I recollect the time.

Q.—Those men were working for you at that time?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you remember that shortly before the elections it was necessary to go and register to become a voter, in some cases?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you remember these men registering?

A.—No, sir. I know nothing about that. I did not know anything about them registering. I did not know that they had gone into town, or anything.

Q.—Did you know whether orders were given to them or to anybody not to register?

A.—Only what I heard.

Q.—I do not want that. You cannot tell me anything at all about the matter?

A.—Not about them registering.

Q.—Can you tell me what sort of men these four men were? Were they good guardsmen, or how did they perform their duties?

A.—They were first class men, and I was very sorry to lose them. I telephoned to Mr. Armstrong and said I thought it was a shame that I had to lose such men.

Q.—What about Watt?

A.—He was a good man.

Q.—Was he steady?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And sober?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—An industrious man?

A.—Yes, everything I could want, I was very sorry to lose him.

Q.—What about Barr and Gilfillan?

A.—Barr was not here as long as Watt was, but Barr was the making of a good man.

Q.—What about Gilfillan?

A.—He was a good man, and was in charge of all the teams about this place.

Q.—Was he steady and sober?

A.—Always. I never saw anything wrong with him here.

Q.—As far as you know, while he was here he was all right.

A.—Yes. Of course I knew nothing about him in town.

Q.—They performed their duties for you satisfactorily?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Is there anything else you can tell me about this particular matter?

A.—No, nothing that I can help you with in any way. Of course I am neither for nor against. All that I can say is that at the time I lost those four men I was very much put out, and I telephoned Mr. Armstrong and told him that I did not know which way they were voting or anything about that, but I understood that I was going to lose three good guards here, and he says, "Yes, and I understand you will lose Gilfillan and that will be another one," and I said, "By George, that is a shame, to cut those men off like that, they are all good, hard working men, and I am sorry to lose them."

Q.—You knew why they were cut off?

A.—Yes, for going in to register. I don't know who told them to go or not to go and register.

Q.—Did you know that they were registering?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—You knew they were suspended?

A.—Yes, for that cause.

Q.—And that is all you can tell us about it.

A.—That is all.

(Adjourned, to be resumed at half past five o'clock in the evening at the office of the Inspector in Toronto).

Resumed at the office of Mr. Bain, K.C., at 5.30 p.m.

JOHN A. GRANT, sworn. Examined by Mr. Bain.

Q.—What is your position at the Ontario Reformatory?

A.—I am a sergeant at the Farm.

Q.—A guard and sergeant?

A.—Sergeant in charge.

Q.—You are sergeant in charge of the Farm where?

A.—At Guelph.

Q.—As sergeant in charge of the guards, what are your duties?

A.—I am in charge of all the guards of the prison, all the guards and the prisoners.

Q.—They have to obey your orders?

A.—They have to obey my orders.

Q.—Have you the power to discipline them?

A.—Yes. That is what I am there for.

Q.—If they disobey you, what do you do?

A.—The prisoners.

Q.—No, the guards?

A.—If they disobey, I report to Dr. Gilmour.

Q.—The Warden?

A.—The Warden.

Q.—What about the Provincial Secretary's Department, do you report there?

A.—I report anything that happens. I am under Dr. Gilmour. Then it is reported to the Provincial Secretary.

Q.—I was told to-day that there were 11 or 12 guards on at nights?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And about thirty day guards altogether?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When Dr. Gilmour is at the Farm, he would be in charge?

A.—Decidedly so.

Q.—And when not there you are in charge?

A.—That is it, exactly.

Q.—You are subject to instructions received either from Dr. Gilmour or from the Provincial Secretary's Department?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you remember this particular incident of the registration by some of these guards?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Some few days prior to the election, which took place on the 29th of June last?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Tell me what you know about it, fix the day if you can?

A.—As far as I know about that, they went and registered unknown to me. I knew nothing of it. I knew nothing about that they were going to register, or anything else about it.

Q.—When you say they, can you give me the names of those who had registered?

A.—Thomas Barr, William Watt, Alec. Balfour.

Q.—And Gilfillan?

A.—No, Gilfillan did not register. There was Tweedly—there were four who registered. Gilfillan was there at the time, of course, but he owns a farm in that part of the country.

Q.—Gilfillan was a guard at that time?

A.—He was a guard at that time.

Q.—What else do you know about it; when did you first learn that, the first day of the registration, or the second or the third day, can you remember?

A.—I did not learn it until about four or five days before the election.

Q.—Tell me why they should not register, or do you know of any reason?

A.—No, I don't know any reason at all. I could not say that, because I am not posted.

Q.—Do you know whether these men own property in Guelph?

A.—I do not.

Q.—Did you hear of their method, of why they came to register and what they did?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Tell me what they did?

A.—They went to Guelph, registered in a hotel, and stayed one night. That is what they told me afterwards.

Q.—You interviewed them afterwards?

A.—They came and told me. I did not interview them at all on that score, because I knew nothing about it.

Q.—They came and told you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And then you learned it after they had done it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Why didn't you send for them when you heard they had registered that way?

A.—I did not know until I was out walking around; I had not heard that they had registered.

Q.—You knew then that they had registered?

A.—Not until they told me. I knew nothing of them registering, with the exception of Mr. Barr. Mr. Watt, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Tweedly I did not know had registered until he had resigned. The other three men or the other two men and Barr came to see me when I was going on my rounds.

Q.—They came voluntarily?

A.—Yes, they came voluntarily.

Q.—And that was the first intimation you had of it?

A.—That was the first.

Q.—What did you do when you learned that?

A.—I said "Didn't you fellows make a mistake, do you think you have done right?" Those were the very words I used.

Q.—Was it your duty to report that to Dr. Gilmour?

A.—No. I did not report it to anybody. In a case of that kind, there would be nothing like that.

Q.—I understand from Mr. McLean the Accountant, that he told you that there was a telephone message from the Department about these men registering or intending to register, and that he told you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Do you remember that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Was that before you had heard from these men?

A.—No.

Q.—It was after they told you?

A.—It was after they had told me.

Q.—What did you do then, when Mr. McLean told you that?

A.—I started right out on my rounds, and the first ones I met were these men.

Q.—For what purpose were you going out?

A.—To visit all the staff. I visit all my gangs and the staff every day.

Q.—What were you going to visit them at that time for?

A.—Every forenoon I make a visit.

Q.—Were you going out to tell them not to register?

A.—I was going to see them and find out what they had done. That was what I was going out for. I go out to see them at their work. I asked them if they had registered.

Q.—What did Mr. McLean tell you?

A.—Mr. McLean said he had got word from the Department not to allow any of them to register on the job, and I started out.

Q.—Did you report that to Dr. Gilmour?

A.—No.

Q.—But you started out at once to tell the men?

A.—I started right out.

Q.—Can you fix the date?

A.—No, I cannot.

Q.—It was while the registration was on?

A.—Yes.

Q.—But you cannot fix the day?

A.—No. I did not keep track of anything like that.

Q.—It must have been while the registration was on, that you got that message?

A.—The registration was pretty nearly over. I think, although I would not say positively.

Q.—When those men told you they had registered, did you do anything further?

A.—I asked them if they thought they had not made a mistake. Balfour was the first man I asked; he was working right close to where I came from the office, and I says, "Don't you think you have made a mistake in registering?" and he said "I know now I have, and I am sorry I did it, I don't know why I did it, I am sorry I did it, but I am never going to vote." I said "That is up to you, not to me, but I don't think it would be wise for you to do it."

Q.—What did you say to the others?

A.—Just about the same thing.

Q.—Did you tell any of the other guards besides these four?

A.—Yes, there is a guard there now, a Mr. Draper.

Q.—How many others did you tell?

A.—Any of those who I thought had to go and register. I told them about it.

Q.—How many would that be?

A.—I don't know just exactly. There is all the night staff there.

Q.—Did you tell the night staff?

A.—No, I did not. Mr. McGuire told them.

Q.—Did you tell all the day staff?

A.—I did, as near as I know, those I expected would have to register. Mr. Draper was one. I spoke to him and asked him if he was registered, and he said "I don't know what to do," and I says "It is pretty nearly over, but don't do what the others are doing, do not go and register when you haven't a vote." He said he did not know anything about that, and I told him that he was living out here and that he could not have the right to vote.

Q.—Did you tell them that word had come from the Department?

A.—I said "Mr. Draper, I have word from the Department not to allow anybody to go and register," and he replied "All right, I am out of it." He said that right away.

Q.—Can you tell any of the others you told that to?

A.—No. The others were living in town, had families and were entitled to vote.

Q.—Is there anything else we have not got down about the registration that you can remember?

A.—I don't think so.

Q.—It was shortly after that that the *Star* reporter came?

A.—Yes.

Q.—How many days after you had been notified by the Department was it that the *Star* reporter was up?

A.—I don't know how many days, I am sure. It was after the election he came.

Q.—Are you sure of that?

A.—No, I am not.

Q.—One man said it was the Saturday before the election?

A.—Yes, it was before the election. The election was on a Monday I think, and he was there if I am not mistaken on the Friday or the Saturday before that. I guess it was on the Saturday, although I won't say positively. I cannot just remember that.

Q.—What took place with that reporter; tell me all you can remember?

A.—He came there and asked me if we had guards staying there, and I said "Yes sir, we have guards staying here." He replied "They live here, do they?" I told him that they worked here but did not all live here, decidedly not, that I was one myself that did not live here. Then he asked if we had a guard here named Tweedley. I told him he did not live here, but that he worked here nights. The reporter asked where he was then, and I said he might be in

town, that I did not keep track of them in day time. Then he said "You have a guard here and he has his board, room and all right here, and sleeps here?"

Q.—What right had he to ask these questions?

A.—I don't know.

Q.—Why did you submit to it?

A.—I did not. I said it was like this, that these men may have rooms in town, that I did not know what they had, that I saw them going away from here in the mornings, but whether they had rooms in town or not I could not say. That was exactly what I told him. Mr. McGuire can tell you the same thing. I am telling you exactly what I said. The reporter wanted all the names of the guards, in the first place.

Q.—Did he tell you why he was up there?

A.—Not at first. He said he wanted all the names of the guards, and I asked him what for, and he said it was for the *Star*, so I told him we did not keep the names of the guards.

Q.—You knew then that he was a *Star* reporter?

A.—Yes. He wanted the names of all guards, and asked if we had one by the name of Tweedley, one by the name of Watt, one by the name of Barr, and one by the name of Balfour, that those men had registered. I asked him how he knew, and he said they had. I said that it was news he was looking for, and that I thought that the best thing he could do would be to stop right where he was.

Q.—Is there any rule as to giving information to the reporters?

A.—That is something I have never done since I have been on the job, that is, to give information of any description.

Q.—Was there any further conversation then?

A.—Not with him.

Q.—Did you report that fact, that the reporter had been up?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you report it to the Provincial Secretary?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Or to the Warden?

A.—No. The Warden was up there afterwards, the next week, with a lot of men for us, and I said "Did you see the piece in the paper," and he said he did, and asked where they got that information, and I said they did not get it here, decidedly not. Mr. McGuire was in the office at the same time as I was, and he can tell you the same thing.

Q.—Who was present when the reporter was there?

A.—Mr. McGuire.

Q.—Just Mr. McGuire?

A.—Just him.

Q.—And that was all that took place?

A.—That was all. The information he got there did not do him any good, all he got from us. He got it from some other quarters, of course, but not from me.

Q.—How long had these men Watt, Barr, Balfour and Tweedly been with the prison as guards, do you know?

A.—I cannot tell you exactly.

Q.—Had they been there a year or more?

A.—Yes, longer than that.

Q.—What would you say as to their abilities as guards?

A.—They were good men.

Q.—Do you want to make any exception, or were they all good?

A.—Mr. Balfour and Mr. Watt were two just as good men as we ever had on the farm, and Barr was a good man as long as he kept straight, but there were times when he liked to tip his finger.

Q.—While on duty?

A.—No, never while on duty.

Q.—Had you anything to complain of him while on duty?

A.—No.

Q.—Or any of them?

A.—No, they were all good steady men while at work.

Q.—Were they sober?

A.—I never saw any one of them on the job not sober. Watt did not touch it at all, nor Balfour. They were exceptionally good men all four, and I was sorry to see them go.

Q.—What about Gilfillan?

A.—He was all right, with me.

Q.—Did you ever have any cause to complain of him?

A.—No.

Q.—Was he a steady, sober and industrious man?

A.—He was always steady while he was on the job with me.

Q.—You had nothing to complain of?

A.—I had nothing to complain of while he was on the job. I think they simply acted heedlessly in doing it, without considering the consequences of what they were going into, especially on Balfour's part, because he said right straight when I spoke to him that he was sorry he did it.

Q.—When you heard of it you started out, as you say, to warn them all as soon as you got instructions from the department?

A.—I did.

Q.—You did not make any report to the Department afterwards?

A.—No, I did not.

Q.—Don't you think it would have been better if you had done that?

A.—It might have been.

Q.—You did not report afterwards to the Warden?

A.—Just about the newspaper item. That was all I spoke to him about.

(Enquiry adjourned *sine die*.)

Investigation resumed in the office of James Bain, Esq., K.C., Lumsden Building, Toronto, on January the 16th, 1915.

Walter L. Breckell, sworn as Reporter.

THOMAS GILFILLAN, sworn, examined by Mr. Bain:

Q.—Mr. Gilfillan, you were a guard at the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When did you commence your duties there?

A.—I think I commenced my duties there in 1912.

Q.—As guard.

A.—Yes, sir, as guard.

Q.—And you remained there until when?

A.—Until July the 6th, 1914.

Q.—When you were suspended?

A.—Yes.

Q.—By whom?

A.—Sergeant Grant. I never was notified to that effect; all the word I got of my suspension was that Mr. Grant, about 5.30, told me that he had a wire from the Warden and suspended me at 6 o'clock.

Q.—There was to be a Provincial Election in a short time, was there not?

A.—Yes.

Q.—On the 29th of June I think?

A.—Yes, I think that was the date.

Q.—And there was a registration at Guelph a short time before then?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And did you register as a voter?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Were you instrumental in having any of the other guards register?

A.—I did ask some people to register; I asked some of them to go up and register, not knowing that there was anything wrong about it, anything illegal about it.

Q.—Who did you ask?

A.—Well, I asked several of them; there was a fellow by the name of Watt, and Barr and Balfour and Tweedley.

Q.—Why did you do it?

A.—Well, sir, I done it not knowing there was anything wrong in it, that there was anything illegal about it.

Q.—Did you know that government employees should not interfere and take part in elections?

A.—No, sir, I didn't.

Q.—You did not know that?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—How was it you came to be interested?

A.—Well, I suppose I knowed some of the boys around there, and I did not know that there was anything illegal about it. I never registered myself in my life, never was in a city polling booth in my life.

Q.—You asked them to register you say?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you do anything further than ask Barr, Watt, Balfour and Tweedley to register?

A.—No, sir, I did not.

Q.—Did you help them in any way to go and register; did you take them there?

A.—Well, no, I didn't take them there; I went up with a couple of them.

Q.—Why did you not register?

A.—Well, I vote in the country.

Q.—You had property; you were entitled to vote, anyway?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you receive any instructions from the Sergeant or the Assistant Sergeant that you were not to register?

A.—No, sir, I didn't.

Q.—Did you receive any orders with reference to registration in any way from the Sergeant?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—What were you on, the night or day guard?

A.—I was on the day guard.

Q.—How many men were on the day guard?

A.—All-told on the staff?

Q.—Yes?

A.—I could not say truthfully, Mr. Bain.

Q.—Just roughly?

A.—Well roughly, I should judge that there would be 15 or 18.

Q.—How many men on the night guard?

A.—There are about 11 night guards.

Q.—Who was in charge of the night guards?

A.—Mr. McGuire.

Q.—Who was in charge of the day guards?

A.—Mr. Grant.

Q.—Who was in charge of the Reformatory?

A.—Well, I suppose it would be Dr. Gilmour that would be the Warden.

Q.—And if he was not there who was next in seniority?

A.—Mr. Grant.

Q.—He was a Sergeant, was he?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you are sure that he did not tell you not to register?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You did not get any instructions from anyone not to register?

A.—No, sir, I didn't.

Q.—Had there ever been any complaints about you when acting as guard?

A.—Not that I know of.

Q.—Not that you know of?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—When did you say that you were suspended?

A.—I think on the 6th of July. I think that is the date.

Q.—Who suspended you?

A.—Sergeant Grant.

Q.—What did he tell you?

A.—He told me that he had word from Toronto—and said “You can see the Warden”—to suspend me at 6 o’clock.

Q.—And did you see the Warden?

A.—Since I was suspended?

Q.—Yes?

A.—Well I did see him; I was not talking to him.

Q.—Had you seen him before you were suspended?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Between the time of the election and before you were suspended?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What took place?

A.—Well, he asked me about it—I could not just tell you off-handed now, but he accused me of being the cause of these fellows registering.

Q.—What did you say to him?

A.—Well, I simply said that if I was, I done it not knowing that it was illegal or wrong.

Q.—Yes; anything else?

A.—Well, not that I can just say off-handed, Mr. Bain.

Q.—When would that conversation be?

A.—I went out on Monday, and this was the Friday before that.

Q.—That is the Friday following the election?

A.—Yes.

Q.—The election was on a Monday?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you cannot tell me anything further that took place between you and the Warden?

A.—Just off-handed I could not, Mr. Bain; he accused me of this, of being the cause of this registration and something along other lines. I cannot just remember now what it was.

Q.—How long did the conversation last?

A.—I should judge maybe about 10 or 15 minutes.

Q.—Did you see a reporter of the *Star*? Did he interview you?

A.—I saw him; I was not talking to him.

Q.—You were not talking to him?

A.—Any more than he asked me where he would likely find Sergeant Grant. I showed him where his office was, and that is all the conversation I had with him.

Q.—Can you tell me which day it was that these different men went and registered; was the first day or second day or the third day?

A.—Well, now, there is three days of it, isn't there?

Q.—I don't know?

A.—Well, I could not just say, Mr. Bain.

Q.—You cannot give me the dates?

A.—No, I can not.

Q.—You don't know whether it was the first, second, third or fourth day—if there was a fourth day—they registered?

A.—I think it was the second day, but I am not sure.

Q.—You think it was the second day?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And up to that time you say you received no orders from Sergeant Grant or from McGuire or the Warden or any person else that you were not to register or take any interest in registering?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—You did not receive any word about it at all from anyone?

A.—No, I did not, and I did not know that there was any orders out until it started.

Q.—Until what started?

A.—I mean the time when the *Star* reporter came there.

Q.—That is when you first heard that it was wrong?

A.—Yes, sir, that is the first I heard that there was any official orders out for them not to register.

Q.—Did any of the men say anything to you that they had received instructions from the Sergeant not to register?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—They didn't?

A.—Not to me. Two men went up to register and they stood and listened to the fellows that were registering ahead of them, heard them taking the oath, and they turned around and went out.

Q.—Who were those two men?

A.—They did not register—that was Mr. Draper and Mr. Baxter.

Q.—And Barr, Watt and Balfour, did they register, or do you know?

A.—They say so; I don't know. I was not in the registering booth with them.

Q.—Who do you mean by "they?" Do you mean that they themselves told you, or that other people say they registered?

A.—They said they registered.

Q.—They told you that they registered?

A.—Yes. There was no more registering after that. That is what makes me think it was the second day that they registered, because after Draper and Baxter went up there was no more registering done that I know of, after they didn't register.

Q.—You have told me that it was on the Friday following the election that you had your first interview with the Warden?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And prior to that do you remember when he had been at the prison?

A.—When the Warden had been at the prison do you mean?

Q.—Yes; had he been there the week before?

A.—I think he was there on the Thursday, a week ago on the Thursday, I kind of think that was the date he was there. I think he was there like on that Thursday.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with him then?

A.—No.

Q.—Was there ever any fault found with you because you had been intoxicated while on duty?

A.—I never heard of it if there was, Mr. Bain.

Q.—Have you ever been intoxicated while on duty?

A.—No sir, I have not.

Q.—Never the worse of liquor while on duty?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Are you a drinking man?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—If there is anything else you want to say you might tell it now; now is your chance?

A.—Well, I asked Mr. Draper last night if he had had any instructions?

Q.—Where is Draper? I would like to get Draper?

A.—He is at the Farm.

Q.—Is he still a guard there?

A.—Yes.

Q.—I may probably have to examine him then. What did you ask him?

A.—I just asked him had he received any instructions not to register, and he said he did the next day.

Q.—After he had registered?

A.—After he went up to register and refused to register—the day afterwards.

Q.—Did you ask any of the other men about it?

A.—No.

Q.—Can you tell us anything else now, Mr. Gilfillan?

A.—I just happened to run into him last night.

Q.—Did you ask anyone else?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—Do you know anything else that you can tell us about this matter?

A.—I cannot say that I do just off-hand, Mr. Bain. I know I never registered and was never in the hotel when they were registering and never was in a city registering place in my life.

Q.—All you say you did was to ask them to register?

A.—Yes, as far as the election was concerned.

Q.—Were you asking them to register because you knew that they were Conservatives?

A.—No, sir; I simply asked them to register thinking that every man should have the privilege to vote, that is all, thinking that it was legal.

Q.—You don't want us to believe that, do you, Mr. Gilfillan? You were taking an interest in the election were you not?

A.—Well, I just done that much. If a man was taking any interest in the election or in registering he would have to go off his work.

Q.—You were interested in the results of the election, were you not?

A.—Well, yes—no more than just friendship, that is all.

Q.—Nothing more than just friendship?

A.—Yes—not that it was going to make me any money.

Q.—I don't suggest that for an instant, Mr. Gilfillan; but you were interested in the election.

A.—Yes, I was interested.

Q.—And you wanted to have these fellows register so that they would vote for which ever person you were interested in, isn't that correct? You did not want them to register and vote against your candidate, did you?

A.—Well, they had that privilege. I was not looking for them to do that.

Q.—When you asked them to register, you asked them hoping that they would vote Conservative?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And it was because you were interested that you were asking them to register?

A.—Yes, my feelings were that way.

Q.—But you say you took no part in the election yourself?

A.—No, sir, I did not.

Q.—Did you do anything more than ask these four men to go and register?

A.—I voted myself, and I took a fellow who made his home at my place to vote.

Q.—I mean were you on any of the Conservative Committees?

A.—No, I was not, Mr. Bain.

Q.—You were not?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you do any election work during this last campaign other than what you have told me about?

A.—No, sir, I didn't.

Q.—You did nothing else?

A.—No.

Q.—Do you know where Mr. Tweedley is?

A.—Just what I have heard, that Tweedley, and what is the other fellow's name—Balfour, that they went to the Old Country; they were Scotch, Old Country people.

Q.—Where are the other two—Watt and Barr?

A.—They are in Toronto.

WILLIAM H. WATT, sworn, examined by Mr. Bain:

Q.—Mr. Watt, you were a guard at the Ontario Reformatory?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When did you go there?

A.—I went there on the 9th of August, 1912, I think it was.

Q.—9th August, 1912?

A.—Yes, I think that is the time.

Q.—And when did you leave?

A.—On the 2nd of July, 1914.

Q.—Why did you leave?

A.—I was suspended.

Q.—You were suspended?

A.—Yes.

Q.—By whom?

A.—By Warden Gilmour.

Q.—When was that?

A.—On the 2nd of July, 1914.

Q.—Did he give any reason as to why he was suspending you?

A.—Yes, for registering.

Q.—For registering as a voter?

A.—For registering as a voter in Guelph.

Q.—You registered in Guelph, did you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And this was just prior to the Ontario Election, was it?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—The elections were held on the 29th of June?

A.—Yes, I think that was the date.

Q.—Now, how was it you came to register?

A.—Well, the Conservative representative told me that I had a vote.

Q.—Who was that?

A.—Jack McKay.

Q.—Of Guelph?

A.—Of Guelph, yes, and he asked me how long I was in the country and I said that I was seven years in the country, and he said that I would have to register in Guelph, at the hotel in Guelph, that there was no place to register in the country.

Q.—What did you do?

A.—I went there and I seen Bob McPherson at the Committee Rooms.

Q.—You made enquiries, did you?

A.—Yes, and I was told that it was all right, so I went in and registered.

Q.—Was this after you had registered as a guest in the hotel?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What hotel did you register at?

A.—The Queen's Hotel, Guelph.

Q.—Was that the day before you registered as a voter?

A.—That is the same night I stopped there.

Q.—You stayed that night at the hotel, did you?

A.—No, sir, but I stopped there any times I would be in Guelph.

Q.—Do you remember the date you did this?

A.—I could not just remember the exact date it was.

Q.—After registering as a guest at the hotel, the Queen's Hotel, Guelph, did you register as a voter that same day—that is what I want to know, Mr. Watt?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And then what did you do?

A.—I registered as a voter, and I, of course, thought it was all right, and I understood afterwards that I had to live three months in the city, but I don't know that three months was ever mentioned to me.

Q.—At the time you registered you did not know that you had to live three months in the City of Guelph?

A.—No; they said that the voting took place in that riding, and that the riding was the township, and that if I lived one year in the Dominion and three months in the riding it would be all right—and that the riding was the township, and then I understood that I had to live three months in the city, but I did not vote at all. I was on duty all that day, the day of the election; I did not go near it at all.

Q.—Then you did not vote?

A.—No, sir, I did not vote.

Q.—You did not vote for either of the candidates?

A.—No, sir.

Q.—You did not cast a vote?

A.—No, sir, I didn't.

Q.—And you did not vote because you learned after you had registered as a voter that you were not entitled to vote?

A.—Yes, that is the reason why I did not vote at all. I was on duty at the Prison Farm all the day. I was not off the Prison Farm all day, sir.

Q.—Had there ever been any complaints about your conduct at the farm in any way?

A.—No, sir, never.

Q.—Were you told by Warden Gilmour that you were not to register?

A.—No, sir, I was not told by anybody not to register.

Q.—Were you told by Sergeant Grant that you were not to register?

A.—No, sir, I was never told by anybody not to register.

Q.—Were you a day or night guard at that time?

A.—I was on the day guard.

Q.—That was in charge of Sergeant Grant, was it?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Now are you quite sure that he did not tell you not to register?

A.—I am perfectly sure he didn't, sir.

Q.—Did he tell you that you were not to vote?

A.—No, he told me after I had registered, that I had not a legal vote.

Q.—How did he come to tell you that?

A.—It was after this thing was in the paper.

Q.—It was after it was in the *Star* newspaper?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And it was then he came to you and told you that you had not a vote?

A.—Yes, that is the time he told me I had not a vote.

Q.—What did you tell him?

A.—I says, I told him that I understood I had not a vote, but that I am not going to vote. I said that I was not going to vote anyway.

THOMAS BARR, sworn, examined by Mr. Bain:

Q.—Mr. Barr, when did you commence your duties as guard at the Ontario Reformatory?

A.—On the 4th of February, 1912.

Q.—When did you leave?

A.—On the 2nd of July, 1914.

Q.—Why did you come to leave at that time?

A.—Because I was disqualified by Warden Gilmour.

Q.—He suspended you, did he?

A.—Yes, sir, he suspended me.

Q.—What was the reason of your suspension?

A.—It was all over registering as a voter.

Q.—Did you register as a voter?

A.—I registered for a vote, but I did not vote.

Q.—You say you did not vote?

A.—No.

Q.—How was it you came to register as a voter?

A.—I was told by the representative there that I had a legal vote; they told me that a man that had been twelve months in the Dominion and three months in the riding had a legal vote, and he asked me how long I had been in the country and I said three years, and of course I registered on them terms, because they told me that I had a legal vote.

Q.—And did you go to the Queen's Hotel?

A.—I registered at the Queen's Hotel.

Q.—Why did you do that?

A.—Because I was told by the representative that that was the proper place to do it.

Q.—But why? Did you not ask why you had to do that?

A.—No; they told me that there was no place up there to do so, and that I had to go and register at the hotel and go over and register at the City Hall.

Q.—And you did that?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And then you say you did not vote?

A.—No, sir, I didn't vote.

Q.—Why did you not vote?

A.—Because I understood afterwards that I had no legal vote.

Q.—When did you understand that?

A.—When the reporter of the *Star* came up to investigate.

Q.—Did he see you?

A.—No, he was looking around for the boys; he never saw me.

Q.—How did you come to learn about this when the *Star* reporter came up?

Who told you?

A.—Sergeant Grant told me.

Q.—What did he tell you?

A.—He told me that the reporter from the *Star* was up looking for me, and he says, "Did you register?" and I says I did, and he says, "He is up looking into this thing," and he says, "I don't think you have any vote."

Q.—What did you say?

A.—I said "I believe that now myself," I said, "I am not going to vote anyhow."

Q.—Did Sergeant Grant at any time before that tell you that you were not to register?

A.—Never.

Q.—Did Warden Gilmour?

A.—No sir.

Q.—Did you ever receive any instructions from anyone not to register?

A.—Not from any man connected with the Institution, not to register.

Q.—You simply went ahead and registered as you thought you had a right to register?

A.—Yes. I was told that I had a right and I simply done so, because I was informed that I had a legal vote.

Q.—Were there ever any complaints about your conduct while on duty as guard?

A.—No, sir, never.

Certified Correct:

Walter L. Breckell,

Official Reporter.

Re GUELPH PRISON FARM INVESTIGATION.

Evidence of JOHN TAYLOR GILMOUR.

Q.—What office do you hold?

A.—I am Superintendent of the Ontario Reformatory, and have been for a number of years. I am on my 20th year.

Q.—How many guards have you at Guelph?

A.—They average about thirty, night staff and day staff.

Q.—And your headquarters are where?

A.—I live in Toronto.

Q.—You live in Toronto at ——?

A.—The Ontario Reformatory.

Q.—About how often do you go to Guelph?

A.—Sometimes twice a week, sometimes, maybe not for a week or two.

Irregularly.

Q.—When you are there, you are in complete charge?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And when you are not there, who is in charge?

A.—John Grant.

Q.—What is his office?

A.—Sergeant.

Q.—What are his duties?

A.—He is in charge of the disciplinary end of the Institution at Guelph, the disciplinary staff and the prisoners.

Q.—Who is next in command to him?

A.—We have a night man—MacGuire.

Q.—Then there are others as well?

A.—No, the rank and file is all the same.

Q.—Then we have Grant in charge and MacGuire is night sergeant, and when you say night sergeant you mean. —?

A.—Grant is in charge of the prisoners during the day. Grant would go off duty at 6 p.m., and MacGuire then comes on duty until six in the morning.

Q.—Then Dr. you will remember there was some slight trouble last June with reference to some of the guards registering for the Provincial registration. Will you tell us what you know about this?

A.—One day when I went to Guelph I was advised that Mr. Scholfield, then M.P.P., came out of the Reformatory with a list of 18 of the Reformatory officers, meaning guards.

Q.—Who advised you as to this?

A.—I don't remember. Yes, I do remember, first Mr. McLean, the accountant, advised me. He was the first one to tell me that Mr. Scholfield had come to his office, producing a list of 18 guards, requesting that these guards be sent into Guelph to register at a hotel and then register themselves as voters in the City of Guelph.

Q.—Have you any way of fixing the date?

A.—No, I couldn't fix that, probably within two or three weeks of the election. Mr. McLean told me that he at once 'phoned Mr. S. A. Armstrong, the Assistant Provincial Secretary, of the fact and that Mr. Armstrong gave instructions for Sergeant Grant to not permit anything of this kind to be done. After conversing with Mr. McLean, I saw Sergeant Grant almost immediately, and Sergeant Grant told me that Mr. Scholfield, in company with James Hamilton, Farm Superintendent at the Reformatory, had first come to him with the same request, that he did not entertain it kindly and that Hamilton asked Mr. Scholfield to go to the office with him and have Mr. McLean deal with the matter. Sergeant Grant told me that he had taken every precaution to carry out Mr. Armstrong's instructions. My next connection with the episode was when I had three guards—

Q.—That would be about how many days later?

A.—I think this was after the election. I am positive it was a few days after the election. I had three guards, Barr, Balfour and Watt before me asking them why they had registered in the City of Guelph.

Q.—Well then, Doctor, some one must have informed you that they had registered?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Who told you that?

A.—I think Sergeant Grant told me that these three men had registered before he got the instructions from Mr. Armstrong. It was a few days after the election that I interviewed guards Watt, Balfour and Barr. Guards Watt, Balfour and Barr acknowledged having registered and said that they did so at the urgent and repeated solicitations of Guard Gilfillan. These three guards had never voted in Canada and were not familiar with the Election Law. It was plainly evident that these three men were clay in the hands of Gilfillan, who is an experienced political worker. I suspended these three guards from duty and they almost immediately resigned and left the service. A few days after interviewing guards Balfour, Barr and Watt, I interviewed guard Gilfillan, who acknowledged urging the three men in question to register. I suspended guard Gilfillan, and reported the circumstances to Mr. S. A. Armstrong, Assistant Provincial Secretary.

Q.—Take Balfour, Watt and Barr—were they good guards whilst at the Prison?

A.—They were good.

Q.—And were they sober, industrious men? Did you ever have any trouble?

A.—There wasn't a mark of any kind against any of them. I was sorry to see them go and I sympathized with them in their position.

Q.—What would you say as to Gilfillan?

A.—I don't think he was a good guard, and he is not adapted for that class of work.

Q.—Was he sober whilst on duty?

A.—On duty he was always sober, but I have known him on occasions when off duty to be the worse for liquor.

Q.—Do you remember one of the reporters from the Toronto newspaper went to the prison investigating this registration regarding the guards?

A.—I knew nothing whatever about that.

Q.—I suppose you saw the interview in the paper?

A.—I saw it in the paper. I think it was the first intimation.

J. T. GILMOUR.

Re GUELPH PRISON FARM INVESTIGATION.

HENRY CHADWICK SCHOLFIELD.

Q.—You now live in Toronto, Mr. Scholfield?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And you were Member of Parliament for the County of Wellington?

A.—I was.

Q.—Defeated at the last election, June, 1914?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you have anything to do with having any of the guards at the Ontario Reformatory at Guelph register?

A.—I did not.

Q.—It has been said you went some time within two weeks prior to the election, which would be, say some time about the second or third week in June, or thereabouts—that you went to the Reformatory with one, Hamilton, and that you had with you a list of eighteen guards, and you interviewed Sergeant Grant with reference to these guards registering in order that they might vote. What do you say as to that?

A.—It is untrue.

Q.—Were you at the Reformatory during the month of June?

A.—I was.

Q.—When?

A.—Somewhere about—probably two or three weeks before the election.

Q.—Why were you there?

A.—I was there canvassing.

Q.—Amongst whom?

A.—I went out on purpose to see a man named Robertson, who boarded in Guelph and who was entitled to vote there. I was told that Robertson had to be seen because they didn't know how he was going to vote and I went there for that purpose and solely for that purpose.

Q.—Did you at any time talk to Sergeant Grant with reference to any of the guards registering?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you request him to have these guards register?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you go to Mr. McLean with a list of eighteen guards, requesting that these be allowed to register?

A.—I did not.

Q.—It has been said that you did.

A.—I deny that positively.

Q.—So then, Mr. Scholfield, you didn't go to either Sergeant Grant or McLean with a list of eighteen voters requesting that they be allowed to register?

A.—I did not.

Q.—Was Mr. Hamilton with you when you went to see Mr. Robertson?

A.—He was not.

Q.—It has been said that Mr. Hamilton was also with you when you had the list of eighteen guards. Was he with you?

A.—He was not.

Q.—Did he interview you at any time during the month of June?

A.—No.

Q.—You know the man I refer to?

A.—Yes. Mr. James Hamilton.

Q.—He was taking a prominent part in your election?

A.—He was not.

Q.—He wasn't?

A.—No.

Q.—At this time when you saw Robertson, did you see any of the other guards on election purposes?

A.—I may have said "How do you do" to him.

Q.—That was all?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Had you anything to do with asking Watt, Balfour or Barr or Gilfillan to vote or register?

A.—I did not.

Q.—Did you interview these men?

A.—I never saw Watt, Barr or Balfour until several weeks after the election.

Q.—Did you know them before that?

A.—I didn't know them before that. I didn't even know what they looked like.

Q.—You knew Gilfillan?

A.—I knew Gilfillan.

Q.—Did you request him to vote.

A.—I did not.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with Gilfillan with reference to this registering or voting?

A.—I did not.

Q.—Did you with Sergeant Grant?

A.—No.

Re GUELPH REFORMATORY INVESTIGATION.

Investigation resumed at the Guelph Reformatory on Monday, April 12th, 1915.

MR. McLEAN (recalled) examined by Mr. Bain.

Q.—Mr. McLean, you have already been sworn?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—You might just read over the evidence that you gave at the previous hearing.

A.—Very well. (Reads evidence).

Q.—Now you have read over your previous evidence?

A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And do you find it correct?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—Now I want to ask you one or two further questions. Did you tell Dr. Gilmour about McPherson ringing you up; did you report that to Dr. Gilmour?

A.—Did I report that to Dr. Gilmour?

Q.—Yes?

A.—I may have spoken to Dr. Gilmour. I cannot recollect reporting that to Dr. Gilmour, because my part of it ended when I told Sergeant Grant and Mr. Armstrong, but I may have spoken to Dr. Gilmour later on.

Q.—Do you remember what you said to him?

A.—No, sir, I do not.

Q.—Do you remember telling him about Mr. Scholfield and Mr. McPherson and Mr. Hamilton being out here with a list of eighteen names?

A.—What Hamilton is that?

Q.—James Hamilton, the Farm Superintendent?

A.—Did I tell him what?

Q.—Did you tell Dr. Gilmour that Scholfield and James Mamilton, the Farm Superintendent, and McPherson were out here with a list of names?

A.—James Hamilton is out here.

Q.—Did you tell Dr. Gilmour that Mr. Scholfield came out here?

Q.—I think perhaps I did, just in an off-handed way, that Mr. Scholfield had been out here. I remember him being in my office.

Q.—You were not reporting officially at that time?

A.—Not at all, no. I had not at that time anything more than just a general conversation. The only report or anything that I did officially was when I called up Mr. Armstrong.

Q.—When was that?

A.—That would be after this time, just after Mr. Scholfield came out—just about that time. I think they came out in the car.

Q.—Just motored out?

A.—Yes, that is all. I think that was some time previous to this telephone message—subsequent to the conversation between Mr. McPherson and I over the telephone, the day I 'phoned Mr. Armstrong.

Q.—I would like to find out something about that, because Dr. Gilmour and Mr. Scholfield, I may as well tell you, don't altogether agree as to that, and Dr. Gilmour of course is only repeating what was told to him?

A.—Well, if he said that, I know that Dr. Gilmour would not tell an untruth about it, and if I could remember distinctly about it I would tell you, Mr. Bain.

Q.—But you did have some conversation with Dr. Gilmour?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Can you fix the date of that?

A.—The date?

Q.—Yes, about; would it be after they had registered or before?

A.—They didn't register. I don't think.

Q.—Was it after you got your orders from Armstrong, or before?

A.—I could not say. I am on oath, and if I knew I would tell you.

Q.—Well, if you cannot remember definitely, all right?

A.—I cannot recollect when I said that, because he came out so often. If he only knew the dates he came out here—it was within a day or two I should think.

Q.—You remember talking the matter over?

A.—Well, not talking it over, not trying to talk the matter over, it was just in a general conversation I mentioned the fact that Mr. Scholfield had been out.

Q.—You remember mentioning that to Dr. Gilmour?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What did you mention to him, just that he had been out?

A.—That Mr. Scholfield had been out; he would be out with Mr. McPherson, I presume.

Q.—Don't presume, please. He was out, anyway?

A.—Yes, he was out here.

Q.—You don't remember whether it was before or after the registration?

A.—No.

Q.—Was it after you got your orders from Mr. Armstrong or before?

A.—I don't remember.

Q.—You don't remember whether it was before or after?

A.—It would be before, because he did not come out after the election.

Q.—I mean was it before the conversation with Mr. Armstrong?

A.—I could not say as to that positively, Mr. Bain.

Q.—Perhaps this will help you. Did Dr. Gilmour say that he knew anything about this registration, that he had heard from Grant?

A.—He would not tell me.

Q.—He didn't tell you?

A.—He may have told me, but I cannot recollect.

Q.—I am trying to fix the time, Mr. McLean?

A.—I cannot recollect that, Mr. Bain.

Q.—But you have a sort of recollection of speaking with Dr. Gilmour about it?

A.—Yes, I recollect speaking to Dr. Gilmour, just in a general way, and mentioning the fact, because I was anxious—I would have liked to have seen the boys register.

Q.—When Mr. Scholfield was here did he show you or exhibit to you any list of names?

A.—He did not show it to me. He was sitting on a stool about as far away as from me to you there. I remember Mr. Scholfield and Mr. McPherson being present, but I did not see any list of 18 names and I could not have told anybody that I did, but Mr. McPherson I know had a little pad with him, to which he referred, and he asked me about several of the guards—I cannot remember the names—but I referred him to Mr. Grant. They must have got a pass from me when they went to the Lower Dormitory. I understood that all they were here for was to know what guards were eligible to vote, and I then referred them to Mr. Grant.

Q.—They did not talk it over with you?

A.—I think they came in and wanted to see Mr. Grant. They wanted to find out what guards were eligible to register.

Q.—They wanted to find out, you say, who would be eligible to register?

A.—Yes sir. Mr. Grant is here to-day, Mr. Bain.

Q.—Yes, I am going to ask him about this?

A.—Grant would know if Mr. Scholfield went over that day, and if he did, that would be the reason why they came into me, to find out how to get to Grant.

Q.—They did not ask you about these 18 or 20 men, or about any men registering?

A.—No. Mr. Scholfield did.

Q.—Did Mr. Scholfield speak to you about it at all?

A.—Mr. Scholfield was speaking about it, yes.

Q.—About them registering?

A.—Yes.

Q.—He spoke to you about it?

A.—He spoke about the registration. That was previous to this telephone conversation, because the telephone conversation was right close within a few days before the election.

Q.—Is that all you can remember now, Mr. McLean?

A.—Yes. The drift of the conversation with Mr. Scholfield was—he was only in a few minutes—but it was on the basis that he wanted to find out if these men were eligible to go on the Voters' List, and I presumed he wanted to try to get them on and I sent him to Mr. Grant.

Q.—Did you tell that to Dr. Gilmour afterwards? Dr. Gilmour says you did.

A.—Well, if he says so, I suppose I did. I don't recollect it, but I suppose it is true if he says I did. I think Mr. Scholfield came to me to get a permit to go over to see Sergeant Grant.

Q.—That is what they came to you for?

A.—Yes, they could not get by the guards, and they wanted to get a permit. I am sorry I cannot enlighten you any further, Mr. Bain.

Q.—That is all right.

SERGEANT GRANT (recalled), examined by Mr. Bain.

Q.—There are one or two matters I want to clear up before I finally hand in my report. When you gave your evidence at the previous hearing there were one or two things I unintentionally overlooked, and I was wondering whether you preferred to first read over the evidence you gave before, so as to refresh your memory?

A.—All right, sir.

Q.—You would like to do that?

A.—Yes sir. (Reads over previous evidence).

Q.—Now you have read over the evidence you gave in this matter at the previous hearing?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—Are there any changes you desire to make?

A.—No, I don't think there is. I don't think that I can say any different now.

Q.—You were telling me that Mr. McLean spoke to you and gave you Mr. Armstrong's message as to the men not being allowed to register? You got that message you told me?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—And you also said that you notified the guards?

A.—Yes, I did.

Q.—What guards did you notify?

A.—Well, I spoke to Mr. Balfour; he was the first man I spoke to.

Q.—Tell me what other guards you notified?

A.—And I spoke to Mr. Watt, Mr. Barr and Mr. Draper and Mr. Baxter. I cannot say positively which Mr. Baxter it was. There is two of them, two Baxters. I spoke to one of them at any rate. I won't say positively about the two.

Q.—Which Mr. Baxter would it be? There are two, are there?

A.—Yes, there is two.

Q.—What is his first name?

A.—William Baxter. I spoke to him; and David, I am not positive whether I spoke to him or not. I won't just say positively, but I rather think I did.

Q.—Did you speak to any other guards?

A.—Well, there was not any others here at the time, that is living here; they were single guards, but I spoke to the others.

Q.—What do you mean by that—living here?

A.—Well, single guards living here; all the rest are married guards.

Q.—Living where—in Guelph?

A.—Yes sir, in Guelph.

Q.—These were the ones that were living here?

A.—Yes sir, that were rooming here.

Q.—At the Prison?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And is that the reason you did not speak to the others?

A.—Yes, because they would have the right to register, living in town.

Q.—I see. Now I want to find out something about your duty with reference to reporting. You found out, when you spoke to some of these men, that they had been up to register?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And they admitted that to you, two or three of them?

A.—They did, yes.

Q.—And did you report it?

A.—I did not.

Q.—Why did you not report it?

A.—That I don't know. I didn't think it was necessary.

Q.—Is it not your duty to report anything like that?

A.—I suppose it is.

Q.—And who should you report to?

A.—Well, I suppose getting word from the Department, I should have reported to the Department.

Q.—Is there any rule as to that?

A.—No, not that I know of. I am under Dr. Gilmour, and anything here I should report to him, and then he reports to the Department.

O.—And did you report to Dr. Gilmour?

A.—No.

Q.—Why did you not?

A.—I cannot say why I didn't report. I could not say exactly why I didn't report; anything like that I didn't think it was necessary to report to him.

Q.—And the instructions you got were from Mr. McLean?

A.—Yes, from Mr. McLean.

Q.—And immediately upon getting these instructions, as you told us, you went out to notify the guards?

A.—Yes.

Q.—And then, after notifying the guards, you did not do anything further?

A.—No.

Q.—You made no report to either Dr. Gilmour or to Mr. Armstrong?

A.—No, to neither one of them.

Q.—It would help me if you could tell me which of those gentlemen you should report to?

A.—Well, I don't know; I can hardly say.

Q.—Who was the proper person in authority over you?

A.—Dr. Gilmour.

Q.—He is the person to whom you would ordinarily report?

A.—Yes; anything that goes wrong here I would report to him; he is my superior.

Q.—And did you discuss the matter with him?

A.—No sir.

Q.—You did not discuss the matter with him at all?

A.—No sir, I didn't.

Q.—And then you did not notify any of the night guard, did you?

A.—No. Mr. McGuire did that.

Q.—Did you tell McGuire?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Distinctly remember telling him that?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—What did you tell McGuire? Let us get those instructions down?

A.—I said that I had orders, had got notice from Mr. McLean that Mr. Armstrong had telephoned up here that there was to be no guards register.

Q.—And what else did you tell him, if anything?

A.—I don't know as I told him anything further. I said I would have to get out and notify them.

Q.—You said you would get out and notify them?

A.—Yes.

Q.—That being so, why did you not notify the night guards?

A.—Why didn't I notify them?

Q.—Yes.

A.—Mr. McGuire was in charge of them at that time, and they were not around at that time, the night men.

Q.—You did not tell him to notify the night guards?

A.—I said it had to be done.

Q.—Did you tell McGuire that he was to notify the night guards?

A.—No, I did not tell him that he was to tell them at all; I said it had to be done. I said "We will have to look after it right away."

Q.—It would have been better to have told him?

A.—Yes, it would have been better, but he done so, anyway.

Q.—Didn't you tell Dr. Gilmour some time later about it?

A.—One day when he was up with a lot of men here I said, "Did you see that piece in the paper"—that is all the conversation we had about it—and he said "Yes."

Q.—Did you have any further conversation about it?

A.—No.

Q.—Did you not tell him about warning the men, or anything?

A.—No, I never said anything to him about it at all.

Q.—Did he know about it before?

A.—Not that I know of.

Q.—Did he tell you he did?

A.—No sir, he did not.

Q.—Did you report afterwards to Mr. McLean that you had told the guards anything?

A.—I would not say positively—yes, I think I did say to him that some of them had registered.

Q.—You think you said to him that they had registered?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What took place then?

A.—I could not say that there was anything else in particular.

Q.—Would it be Mr. McLean's duty to report that, too, or just you?

A.—I don't know how that would be, I am sure, Mr. Bain.

Q.—You do make reports, do you not?

A.—Oh, yes.

Q.—And when Dr. Gilmour is not here you are in charge?

A.—Yes.

JAMES ALVIN HAMILTON, affirms, examined by Mr. Bain.

Q.—Mr. Hamilton, what is your occupation?

A.—I am supposed to be head farmer here.

Q.—Of the Ontario Reformatory?

A.—Yes sir.

Q.—And do you remember the Provincial elections held last June?

A.—Yes sir, I do.

Q.—And do you remember that there was some talk about certain of the guards registering?

A.—Certainly.

Q.—You remember that?

A.—I do sir, yes.

Q.—Do you know the later Member, Mr. Scholfield?

A.—Oh, yes.

Q.—It has been stated that he came out here shortly prior to the dates set apart for registration, or during one of those days, with a list of some 18 or 20 names of guards, wanting them to register; were you with him on that occasion, Mr. Hamilton?

A.—No sir, I was not.

Q.—Did you have any conversation with Mr. Scholfield at that time with regard to guards registering?

A.—Well, now, so far as the time is concerned, I don't know just when it was, but I know that I met Mr. Scholfield here one day, and I don't know whether it was before the election—I think it probably was. I think there was someone with him, but I cannot say for certain who it was, but I met him that day down in the yard, down at the old dormitory, and if I am not mistaken

he was either going in or coming out at the time, and I simply passed the time of day with him, and that is all there was to it.

Q.—Were you assisting him in his election?

A.—No sir.

Q.—Were you with him at any time just before the elections when he was talking to Mr. McLean?

A.—No sir.

Q.—You know who I mean when I say Mr. McLean?

A.—Oh, yes; he is the accountant here.

Q.—Yes. You were not with him on that occasion?

A.—No sir.

Q.—Did you have anything to do with Mr. Scholfield in assisting him to get these men to register?

A.—No sir. I don't think Mr. Scholfield was trying to get them to register.

Q.—Do you know what he was here for?

A.—Well, he was visiting, I thought, at the time. He says, "I am taking a look round." I know him personally, and I just passed the time of day with him, and that is all there was to it.

Q.—Did you speak to any of the guards and ask them to go and register?

A.—No sir, I didn't.

Q.—Or ask them to vote for Scholfield?

A.—No sir, I didn't.

Q.—You did not do that?

A.—No sir.

Q.—Do you know anyone here who did?

A.—No, I do not.

Q.—Were you at any time warned by Mr. McLean, Sergeant Grant, or Assistant-Sergeant McGuire not to register?

A.—No sir. I had a vote, Mr. Bain.

Q.—Yes, but were you at any time warned by them?

A.—No sir, I was not.

Q.—Do you know of anyone who was warned by them?

A.—Just what I heard them saying.

Q.—Who were those?

A.—Let me see now. I am not very sure about that now, Mr. Bain. Mr. Draper spoke to me something about registration, but I am not prepared to swear about it definitely, Mr. Bain.

Q.—I understand. You know Sergeant Grant, don't you.

A.—Yes, sure.

Q.—Did you and Scholfield go to Sergeant Grant with the request that these guards should be allowed to register?

A.—No. I cannot remember of ever going near Sergeant Grant.

Q.—Did you go with Scholfield to Grant and discuss this matter with him?

A.—No, I am sure I didn't.

Q.—You didn't?

A.—No. I don't think that I ever spoke to Mr. Scholfield, only that once.

Q.—And then it was just to say “How do you do?”

A.—Yes, just to pass the time of day with him. I thought he was just looking around, you know.

Q.—You did not know that these men had registered until afterwards?

A.—No.

Q.—Had you any control over them?

A.—No sir, none at all, unless one of them is sent with a gang to work, you know, on the farm, and then in the work I give them their orders and so on.

Q.—Did any of these men—Barr, Watt, Tweedley, Gilfillan, work for you?

A.—Yes.

Q.—What was the nature of their work?

A.—Well, Gilfillan was kind of half under me when he was here.

Q.—How did you find him?

A.—Fine—no better.

Q.—What do you say as to his sobriety?

A.—I never saw the man under the influence of liquor.

Q.—When he was working for you; confine yourself to that for the present, Mr. Hamilton; was he all right?

A.—Yes, why sure he was all right.

Q.—Was he ever under the influence of liquor at any time to your knowledge?

A.—I never knew him to be under the influence of liquor in my life, and I have known him ever since he was born. Gilfillan was a particularly good man on the job.

Q.—You don't remember you and Scholfield going to Grant?

A.—No sir, I cannot remember anything about it at all.

Q.—Would you remember it if you had gone to him?

A.—Yes, I should think I would.

Q.—Did you take any part in the elections at all?

A.—No sir, I didn't.

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